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IN THE GOLDEN SPIRES OF THE SUN

In the golden spires of the Sun

We see small men

Stoking sub-atomic fires,

Feeding photons

To the dogs of night.

They were put there by Ra

When the crops failed.

Their only duty is light,

Light their desire,

Light eternally.

Though we have not seen Ra

And the crops still fail,

His charges will cook

Their nuclear soup

Deep within, and high onto,

The golden spires of the Sun.

--Royal F. Potter

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IS THE SUN A CONSCIOUS BEING?

--BURL PAYNE--

FREEDOM IS OURS, but such a freedom as you could not recognize. We live in the domain of pure thought, playing with creations, of which you humans are mere offspring, valid enough, yet dependent on the local sun and indeed all of us, for your complete existence. So, in a convoluted way, are we dependent on you for our existence too. For you are crystalized out of pure thought, nodal points from all our energies; although, of course, mostly from your own sun. You can prove that we are conscious by tuning in to us, and by using our mechanical amplifier capability to affect conditions on Earth. But be careful. You are about to unleash forces far greater than the atomic sparks so far being played with.

Is this notice from the Sun? For that matter, could the Sun be a conscious entity?

To one trained in the physical sciences the question seems like nonsense. How could the Sun be alive and conscious? After all, we know it is a very hot ball seething with radioactivity. There is no way that anything could be alive in such an environment. However, this quick reaction could be premature.

Many people consider the Sun to be a superior being. Ancient religions often included Sun worship, and some schools of thought consider all the stars to be conscious beings. Could this be superstitious malarkey or primitive wishful thinking?

It seems impossible that the Sun could really be a conscious being; we simply are not used to thinking on such an expanded scale. After all, isn't it egoistic to consider that humans are the supreme and only crystallizations of intelligent life? It's a big universe out there!

Just for the mental play, suppose the Sun is a conscious being. How could we go about supporting that hypothesis?

First, consider what we might mean by the term "consciousness". By itself consciousness is not a meaningful term; it is clearer to refer to "consciousness of something", either one's self or events in one's environment.

To be conscious of something also implies the existence of some kind of nervous system and some type of sensory or receiving elements. To be reflectively conscious would require some kind of memory or storage system and a coding system or language.

Consciousness of some thing is also a matter of degree. It is necessarily limited by the resolving power of a sensory element, coding ability of the language, and fidelity of storage.

Any robot, computer or radio with a storage system possesses these characteristics. Beyond these, consciousness also implies the ability to communicate, and perhaps to be creative, or unpredictable in behavior. Conscious behavior also implies the power of choosing among alternatives. Consciousness is usually applied only to living organisms.

An entity which is alive maintains internal equilibrium when the external environment changes, is more organized than the environment, and takes in food from the environment.

Although a good computer might qualify as conscious and alive by these loose definitions, let us see how the Sun might so qualify.

Lovelock, a British biologist, conjectured that Gaia, the Greek name for Earth, could be alive because it maintains homeostasis in its atmosphere. He based his argument on the observation that the proportions of gases in the atmosphere could not be maintained as they are, and have been, by chance alone given the steady operation of physical processes known to us. The Earth has existed for an unknown number of years, certainly billions, yet in all this time, as far as current measurement techniques can determine, the relative proportions of oxygen, nitrogen and a number of rarer gases have not appreciably changed. The composition has been maintained despite volcanic eruptions, possible magnetic field reversals, the submersion

and emergence of whole continents, and the continuous interaction of salt water chemistry with the atmosphere. Even the human race's recent ravages haven't appreciably changed the atmospheric balance (so far). The composition of the atmosphere has been precisely the one needed to develop organic life. Had the composition differed by even a couple of percentage points, life as we know it would not have developed. Therefore, Lovelock argues, the whole Earth can be considered to be a living being which regulates itself just as we regulate our temperature and blood chemistry.

If the Earth is alive, why not the Sun?

The Sun is probably as complex as the Earth. Here are some facts about the structure of the Sun.

1. Portions of the Sun rotate at different speeds, varying from one revolution in 27 days to one in 33 days.
2. The upper atmosphere is much hotter than the lower atmosphere (two million degrees compared with six thousand).
3. The sunspots, or dark irregular holes in the Sun's atmosphere, appear more frequently at eleven-year intervals, but this is not an exact cycle. There is always some unpredictability.
4. Every 22 years, approximately, the Sun reverses its magnetic polarity.
5. Besides this global reversal there are large magnetically polarized clouds which come and go on the Sun. There are irregular, unpredictable reversals of the polarity of these clouds.
6. Near to sunspots there are often concentrated magnetic domains which apparently give rise to flares of solar material.
7. X-ray photographs show the Sun is spotted with intensely bright points of x-ray emission. These bright points (about the diameter of the Earth) may develop, increase ten-fold in brightness, and then disappear, all within ten minutes to an hour. Bright x-ray points are observed all over the Sun's surface, although their greatest concentration is around the equatorial region.

8. The entire Sun oscillates in and out with variable frequencies, from a few minutes to an hour.
9. Besides emitting all frequencies of radiation, magnetic pulses, and x-rays, the Sun emits streams of particles, mostly electrons and protons, called the solar wind. These streams are irregular, in both velocity and source. Some streams come from regions adjacent to sunspots, others from open areas in the atmosphere called coronal holes, and yet others from structures called filaments, flares, or other disturbances on the Sun's surface. These occur in all shapes and sizes, and last from a few minutes to more than one hour.

Besides these aspects of the Sun there are others, most of which are not well understood. As one solar physicist wrote: "Indeed the activity of the Sun provides so many effects outside the realm of conventional laboratory physics that its contemplation is a humbling experience for the serious physicist, repeatedly demonstrating the incorrect nature of our best ideas and explanations." (Parker, 1978)

Presumably the Sun has been spinning for billions of years. During this time one would think that it would be pretty homogeneous and regular in its behavior. Far from it!

The more the Sun is studied, with improved instruments and from space probes, the more mysterious and variable it seems.

According to the second law of thermodynamics, the energy of a system tends to dissipate evenly among the elements, eventually ending up as increased molecular motion or heat. The Sun does not seem to follow this so-called "law". While we might expect it to have become a homogeneous blob of hot gas, spinning slower and slower as it cools off, it has not done so. Its energy flow is highly organized by magnetic structures and shows no inclination to disperse. The Sun is complex, often unpredictable, and apparently highly organized--so organized, in fact, and in such unusual structures, that the probability of its having become that way and remained so for billions of years must be extremely low. And the Universe is full of suns! While some of them appear to be without internal heat and are actually called "lifeless" by astronomers, there are billions that are as highly organized as

the Sun, so far as we can infer. Moreover, they are organized into star groups, clusters, galaxies, and super galaxies. It is no more improbable that the Universe is full of living beings than that it is full of lifeless stars and planets (except for us, of course).

If the Sun is alive, does it feed from the environment? It is supposedly running off hydrogen, using fission to generate its power. The Sun is speeding through interstellar space and it may have a means of gathering in hydrogen atoms as actively as a whale scooping up plankton.

Actually, it is probably an error to consider the Sun to be alive, by itself. We should consider the Sun and its entourage of planets as a total system, like a giant cell. The boundary of the cell is defined by the Sun's magnetic field, forming a kind of giant bubble, flattened and elongated by the pressure of interstellar gas created by the Sun's rush around the galactic center. The Sun has a circulatory system of ejected particles called the solar wind. These particles are directed out in spurts, tubes and rays to the planets and in other directions, at variable intervals and velocities. We do not yet know what happens to the solar wind when it reaches the edge of the Sun's magnetic bubble. Perhaps the solar wind particles swirl back to the Sun re-entering at the poles, or they may simply disperse throughout the region to be eventually captured by the planets. The velocity of the solar wind varies from about 400 to 750 km/sec. It would take from six months to a year for the solar wind to disperse within the heliosphere, the Sun's magnetic bubble. This solar wind could be a kind of food for the planets.

As for the other emanations from the Sun, they leave the heliosphere without impediment. Visible and ultraviolet light, heat, x-rays, neutrinos, and all the octaves of radio waves radiate non-uniformly outward in all directions. Some of these emanations could be used as carriers for information just as we use radio waves to carry information.

If all other stars are conscious beings, then the Sun may be communicating with them.

Bright points, the intense x-ray sources which wink off and on all over the Sun's surface seem likely candidates for interstellar communication. The x-rays from these bright points could be coherent--x-ray lasers, precisely beamed at where another star is going to be when

the x-ray laser gets there. This might be something measurable in the near future, so that we could tell if some of the beams were directed at future positions of nearby stars. Although it could take between four and 100 years for these beams to reach some of the nearer stars, that might only be a few seconds in Sun-time, which must run a billion times more slowly than our time. Bright point x-ray laser beams could be modulated in intensity and frequency, just as we modulate the much lower-frequency radio waves.

The Sun might also communicate with other suns by means of gravity waves. As the planets fly around the Sun the center of gravity of the solar system as a whole shifts, at times moving out 2.5 solar radii from the center of the Sun. This means that the Sun wobbles around the center of gravity in an irregular spiral. This wobble has been found to be approximately associated with sunspot cycles. While gravity waves are presumed to travel at the speed of light, this may not be true: as yet we have no means of detecting such wobble waves. If other stars could detect such waves, however, each one could have its own characteristic signature. This would not change unless the gravitational attraction of that sun changed, or the spin force changed, altering the orbital speed of its planets.

But if the Sun is sending out coded information by some means, what receptors could it possibly have?

Perhaps we can only perceive the Sun's receptors as holes in its atmosphere, just as receptors for us are usually openings into our organism. For the Sun these might be sunspots, which are openings in the atmosphere. Perhaps their opening and closing depends on the messages sent and received, hence their unpredictability to us. Or perhaps the large and small openings called coronal holes are receptors; maybe they are different types of receptors, just as we have eyes, ears, mouths and noses.

As to the consciousness of the Sun, probably we can say nothing at this time. I am so rarely conscious myself, how can I judge the consciousness of the Sun? Although the Sun is the body of a being much vaster than I am, it is not necessarily smarter or more conscious. The Sun might be a dumb beast, with about as much consciousness as a turnip. Or maybe it is someone's grandmother!

OTHER BELIEFS ABOUT THE SUN

The exalted status of the Sun in ancient religions is well known. The Egyptians had many names for the Sun god: Khepri, Ra or Ra-Ta, Atum, and Horus. Ra was considered the creator and lord of the world. In Babylonian religion, the Sun god was called Shamash. The Phoenicians called it El, the Chaldean people named it Havare-Khshaeta, and in Hindu religion Vishnu appeared as the Sun god named Surya, the nourishing force.

In Japanese mythology the Sun is a goddess, Amatera-su. The Japanese salute the Sun in the morning by clapping their hands, and the Salute-to-the-Sun exercise is well known to practitioners of Yoga. The whole subject is much too vast to be treated here. Instead, let's pose the question of interest: was such ancient religion just reverence for the obvious significance of the Sun as the source of light and heat, or was there some esoteric knowledge of the Sun as a conscious entity that could interact more directly with those who were properly prepared? Could the Egyptian priests burn their bodies in the Sun and pass through the space-time barriers with the aid of a technology unknown to us?

Sufis in modern times observe meditation-chanting practices which involve tuning into the Sun. Some American Indians use the Sun healing.

In more recent times some well-known psychics or teachers of eastern psychologies have alluded to the importance of the Sun. Gurdjieff considered it as a link in the ray of creation from the Absolute, or center of the Universe, down through galactic centers to clusters of suns to our Sun. From the Sun, the ray of creation goes on to the planets, organic life on earth and, finally, ends with the Moon. Nichol, a student of Gurdjieff, stated that behind our own limited intelligence is another intelligence and behind that is God. "But all that we can ever hope to get to is the God manifesting in the Sun. The God that runs everything in the Cosmos is so far beyond us that contact with it would blast us. The Divine Intelligence of the Sun is God for us."

Edgar Cayce said the Sun is an angel in another dimension and could be influenced by the masses of Earth praying together. St. Germain said: "Light is an energy substance universally manifesting itself on Earth, thanks to the Sun, center of being, the focal point of the Christ

in this solar system." St. Francis of Assisi also revered the Sun.

In a delightful little book called *Einstein Returns* psychic channelling of conversations with Einstein are recorded. Einstein is reported as saying:

The physical planet Earth is just the physical body of a certain being. The physical laws and physical properties of the planet are therefore characteristics of that Being. Just as a human being has a physical body with a circulatory system and organs and eyes and other features, the physical body of the Being which is our planet has lakes and streams and mountains and gravity and physical laws. These are all characteristics of the physical manifestation of the Being.

If a scientist could appreciate this basic premise, it would go a long way toward explaining the origin and evolution of the physical manifestation of this planet.

So too, the Sun may be considered the body of a being with its own physical laws.

(Lichtman, 1982)

Rodney Collin writes:

...the aptness of analogies drawn from the mechanical operation of laws in magnetism or physics must never lead us to forget that the Solar System in its every part gives indication of *life* and *intelligence*. We are dealing with living beings of a power and nature incomprehensible to us: though we can apprehend their existence and possible aspect.

Arguments based on the authority of others will never convince some people, nor will arguments based on scientific principles serve to convince all others. Is there some way we could test the possibility of the Sun's consciousness that would be valid and meaningful for every human?

PROPOSAL FOR AN EXPERIMENT

To determine if human beings can have any influence on the Sun's behavior.

Edgar Cayce stated that humans could influence the Sun's behavior if there were large scale meditations. In 1978 a large scale meditation was done on the space station Skylab which may have influenced the Sun. An estimated one million people took part in the experiment to see if a mass meditation could move the space station to a higher orbit before it crashed to Earth.

At present there are a number of religious and spiritual groups, and non-affiliated individuals, who meditate or pray for world peace. These groups now mostly pray at different times of the day, week, month, or year. If they could be enjoined to overlap on specific days in the year, at those times to concentrate on interacting with the Sun, perhaps there would be something like a laser effect, wherein all the mind mass of the planet would resonate. This program could be enormously enhanced by the use of satellite TV communication. The laser effect happens when only a tenth of the molecules are in phase. We don't know what fraction of all humans would be required to produce a laser resonant effect, if indeed such a phenomenon is possible.

Such an experiment might not tell us if the Sun were mechanical, merely reacting to our thoughts, or barely alive and responding like a pet to our wishes, or alive and fully conscious and perhaps even loving. But, whatever the case, it is an important experiment to do, for present research by many scientists shows that there is a possible link between solar magnetic activity cycles, warring behavior and geomagnetic disturbances. If the Sun were either more quiet, or directed the solar wind away from the Earth, conditions on Earth might be more healthy, peaceful, and accident-free. There could be less violence, fewer wars.

This could be perceived as an act of love on the part of the Sun. Or it could be just a minimal response to our coherent thought forms. In any case it is highly desirable to see if this can be done.

If the results of this experiment are positive, it will help to bridge the gap between the older physics, which leave life out of equations, and a new holistic science which sees life and consciousness as an integral

part of the universe. Positive results will help humans determine their place in the scheme of things.

Even if the results of the experiment are negative, and no measurable effects are observed on the Sun, that too could be positive. The determination of people everywhere to create and maintain world peace will be strengthened many-fold.

AFTERWORD

Sometimes, in a experimentally playful mood, I will sit at a typewriter and, my hands resting lightly on the keyboard, will let my ordinary mind step out of the way to allow my fingers follow thoughts which seem just to squirt into the blank spaces in my mind.

While doing such an experiment in the Fall of 1984, I "asked for" information from the Sun. The following is a transcript of what I "received", part of which was reproduced at the beginning of this article:

Brightness variability is a variable not recognized by science, but it is very clear to the Sun. Spin energy is a local property of suns, defined by us, so is magnetic domain, which is another way to write about spin energy.

Freedom is ours, but such a freedom as you could not recognize. we live in the domain of pure thought, playing with creations, of which you humans are mere offspring, valid enough, yet dependent on the local sun and indeed all of us, for your complete existence. So, in a convoluted way, are we dependent on you for our existence too. For you are crystallized out of pure thought, nodal points from all our energies; although of course, mostly from your own sun. You can prove that we are conscious by tuning in to us, and by using our mechanical amplifier capability to affect conditions on Earth. But be careful. You are about to unleash forces far greater than the atomic sparks so far being played with. You must be sure humans are able to assume and accept the capabilities and powers so

brought forth. Do not attempt to manipulate beyond the aims required, it will take two thousand years to fully mature and develop the crystallized conscious up to the place where it can handle the power and energy so released.

Barely glancing at the above, I put it aside in the press of daily activities. A week later I chanced to hear on the radio a narration of the Greek myth of Phaeton, son of the Sun god. Phaeton went to his father, the Sun god, and asked if he could drive the father's chariot with the Sun across the sky. His father had to grant the wish, since he had previously and foolishly sworn to grant his son any wish. Reluctantly, with dire warnings of catastrophe, the Sun god allowed Phaeton to drive the chariot. The horses, sensing a weak master, bolted and, as a result, heaven and earth were scorched and burned. Phaeton had to be killed by a bolt from Jupiter.

This was triply meaningful to me: just two weeks prior to the previous large scale meditation on the space station Skylab, I fell and broke five bones and was severely (but temporarily) crippled. A friend and advisor on the experiment was killed in an airplane crash on the day of the experiment.

On Christmas Day in 1984, my fingers typed:

I communicate by something like laser neutrinos, not yet discovered by your instruments because they are not directed towards Earth, fortunately for you. I am aware of what transpires on Earth, as a whole, and want Earth to be fully alive and conscious. When Earth is properly balanced, Earth life will be freed to step off Earth, as it pleases. The way will be through me, the Sun to other stars, through the burning and rematerialization of the body in other systems. Time does not matter. This process, known to the ancients, will be re-invented, but that is yet to come.

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WHEN CHIRON RETURNS

--ZANE STEIN--

CHIRON'S SPEED IN ORBIT IS IRREGULAR, so that the return of the transiting body to its natal place can take anything from 46-52 years. Currently, it is averaging around 51 years, and will probably do so for the rest of this century.

Any planetary return is important. But the Chiron return is unique in many ways. Its importance is beyond that of most (if not all) other planetary returns.

Most people see more than one return of all the planets closer to us than Chiron. Even Saturn is seen at least twice by most North Americans, and three times by many. On the other hand, most people do not presently live to see their Uranus return at age 84, and Neptune and Pluto take even longer to return. But virtually everyone sees one--and only one--Chiron return. It is the return that almost everyone can count on seeing at one important time.

The meaning of this return is awesome. In effect, it can be an evolutionary leap--as a person takes off to fulfill his purpose here on earth. But for many, it is too difficult to deal with, and the leap is not made.

At one's birth, the world is worrying about certain problems, trying to overcome specific obstacles. All over the planet, things that had been let go for too long must now be dealt with; things that had been relied on are changing, throwing people off balance; restructuring and redefining is going on. All of this is shown by the sign Chiron is passing through.

During this time, one's parents, like everyone else, are worried about problems which fit into this pattern--although each family's problems are unique. But the parents' preoccupation with their problems has a direct influence on their new child. It does not know these problems are only temporary--that a new set of problems will bother Mom and Dad when the planet Chiron changes signs. Instead, the child learns that solving these problems is

'priority one': that nothing must stand in the way of their resolution. This becomes a personal imperative, one which will last one's whole life (although it will become modified by time and events).

As the person grows, Chiron will pass through every other sign, and through each house of that person's chart. New problems will arise, from new and often unexpected areas, that must be dealt with. The person will sharpen his or her abilities by applying natal Chiron to find loopholes, doorways and other ways to resolve these problems, yet still retain his basic imperative. When transiting Chiron forms a hard aspect to natal Chiron, there will often be a realization that some other problems, after all, are also important. But the basic imperative will never alter: at most it will only become modified.

By the time the Chiron return approaches, one has experienced every Chiron-Chiron aspect, major and minor. Chiron has passed through every sign and house, so that the native has had to deal with it from every direction, and from all perspectives. This is, potentially, a source of great wisdom. One's Chiron has been fully tested and it is to be hoped that one has been educated by these experiences. Now comes the time when one can fully utilize this new-found body.

At the time of the return, the world will once again be worried and anxious about problems similar to those that were prevalent at the time of one's birth. All around one neighbors, relatives, even people on the other side of the globe are trying to deal with these problems. In other words, it is like coming home.

Crisis time! Now one looks around and sees that others are unable to resolve the difficulties that one has spent a lifetime learning how to deal with. People are upset, distraught, stymied. Yet to the Chiron return person the answers are all too obvious. This is major decision time. Should one help others with what one has learned: by teaching, counseling or being a mentor? Or should one instead choose another path, such as attempting to make a profit out of one's experience?

Thus one can make a great evolutionary leap. No matter how one has lived up to this time, even if one has led a totally selfish, materialistic existence, one can now exemplify Chiron's role as the teacher.

Some persons experience the return as a crisis of

another sort: a major illness or a loss of some kind. Yet just how one acts at this moment can still lead to that major leap. For, out of this crisis, one can still teach others.

A few years after the Chiron return, Saturn will make the second return to its own natal position. What happens at the Chiron return will often set the course for what will occur at this Saturn return. If one has made the leap to sharing one's life wisdom, then the Saturn return may be seen as the closing of one life chapter and the stepping stone to a higher plane in life. But if one did not step up at the Chiron return, or has been unable to learn to do so during the few intervening years, the Saturn return will be experienced as a great weight, and as the beginning of the downhill portion of one's life.

At the time of the Chiron return, some people will feel rather superior and self-justified: "See, just as I have been saying all along." Some will feel that they Know it all: "Now, you must do it THIS way." But the most positive expression at this time is the highest aspects of the two signs most frequently associated with Chiron: Libra (seeing the other people as one's equal) and Sagittarius (sharing one's knowledge, understanding and interpretation).

Natal Chiron is where one is most maverick, most unaligned with any party or group, most on one's own path. A Chiron return provides events and circumstances which will stimulate this individualistic approach. In many ways, Chiron represents the door to one's own special destiny. The return, then, will often bring about an awakening to one's singular purpose.

Overall, this can be a time of great power. Since Chiron shows one how to go beyond Saturn, its return to its natal position can provide opportunities to overcome the most frustrating of limitations. The house location of natal Chiron indicates a great deal of potential power in that area of life represented by the house, whichever this is. The return will be a time when one is able to control this power better than at any other time.

Consider carefully just how you have let Saturn restrict you--how you have felt so secure within its walls and ignored chances of growth, how you have played it safe rather than taking a step into the unknown. Then, at your Chiron return, decide to open up: now!

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URANUS-NEPTUNE

PART TWO

*NEW LIGHT ON THE ZODIAC
AND THE PRECESSIONAL AGE**--CHARLES A. JAYNE--*

ONE OF THE BEST STUDIES ever made of the Age of Pisces was by Pitirim Sorokin. Of course, Sorokin didn't realize this to be the case, although the famous Irish poet, William Butler Yeats, who reached the same conclusions quite independently, knew what he was doing. Sorokin [*1] described a cycle of about 2,150 years during which the general orientation of culture swung from a sensate period at about 200 B.C. (the Alexandrine period in Greece) to an ideational period circa 950 A.D., and then back to a second sensate peak around 1950 A.D.

When the cultural orientation is ideational, religion is central and there is little material advancement. Indeed, Sorokin was unable to find evidence of any inventions around 900-1,000 A.D. At the time of this ideational peak social change was slow and time itself was considered cyclical. Today, a thousand years later, close to the second sensate peak, inventions are rife and commerce, science and material development are flourishing. Social change has now become rapid and we think of linear "progress" when we think of time. The great pendulum has thus swung from the faith and intuition of the ideational tenth century to the scientific method of the sensate twentieth. In between these two epochs, when the ebbing tide of faith temporarily balanced with the rising tide of technology, there was what Sorokin called the "ideal culture": the Renaissance, when the accent was on reason and the aesthetic. Sorokin and his associates in the Harvard Department

[*1] Sorokin, P. Social & Cultural Dynamics. Four volumes.

of Sociology amassed a veritable mountain of supportive evidence covering the past 2,500 years of occidental civilisation; there is no reason to doubt that parallel developments did not occur simultaneously in the orient.

Yeats published the same conclusions in his book, *The Vision* [*2]. What Sorokin termed the Ideational and Sensate, Yeats called the Spiritual and Material. However, since Yeats accepted astrology and also knew Madame Blavatsky, he was able to connect this great rhythm with the precessional ages.

Why do I link all of this with Uranus and Neptune? The quality of consciousness in an ideational era, with its accent on faith and the mystical side of life, is clearly Neptunian. Similarly, the rapid social change and high technology of the sensate phase is undoubtedly Uranian.

In the sidereal Zodiac of the twelve constellations, the second-order recurrence cycle [*3] of Uranus-Neptune requires 4,284.8 years, or twenty-five conjunctions (synodic periods). The recurrence is very close after this interval since the two bodies are then just 23' later in the sidereal Zodiac from where they started. The period of the Soli-Lunar precession along a "fixed" Ecliptic plane is 25,725 years, and a sixth of this period (two precessional ages) is 4,287.5 years, which is only 2.7 years longer than the Uranus-Neptune cycle. Precession and this Uranus-Neptune period are thus in "harmonic resonance".

I have found that planetary cycles are only effective in terms of their whole or half-periods. The half-period here is 2,142.4 years, very nearly the same as a precessional age of 2,143.75 years. If Uranus and Neptune are conjunct at the commencement of the cycle, after a period of 2,142.4 years these two bodies will be in opposition and Neptune will be only 12' later in the sidereal Zodiac, and just 30°12' later in the tropical Zodiac. [*4]

[*2] This extraordinary book reached Yeats, via his wife's automatic writing, from his own "daemon" (his soul, as he was told).

[*3] See part I of this article: CONSIDERATIONS II #1, pp.39-46

[*4] Here I am using mean heliocentric motion, true geocentric motion would bring some variations.

In this way the divisions of the tropical Zodiac are created and form the twelve "signs"!

Yeats found that successive ages alternated in their symbols between Saint and Sage. To have both we must have two ages, which is the full Uranus-Neptune cycle. The Aquarian Age will have the Sage.

In 1984 Uranus and Neptune moved into a parallel aspect, which presages their next conjunction in 1993 at 19°17' Capricorn (heliocentric). Now if there are six recurrence cycles in the Zodiac of the constellations there must be an additional one, a seventh, in the Zodiac of the signs during a precessional period. This tropical Zodiac recurrence cycle is 3,599.23 years in twenty-one synodic periods, the 3,600-year Sar of the Chaldees. [*5] There are 150 conjunctions in six sidereal second-order recurrence cycles, or 6×25 ; 147 in seven tropical recurrence cycles, or 7×21 . The difference between these two series of synodic periods, the triple conjunction period of 514.76 years, the Phoenix cycle, described in the previous article, acts as a bridging period between one precession and the next one. The period from the conjunction of 1478 A.D., just before Columbus found the New World, to 1993 has been such a bridging period. I have concluded that the upcoming 1993 conjunction will be common to both these long sidereal and tropical cycles, something which can occur only once during a cycle of precession. This indicates not only that the Age of Aquarius will start then, but also that a whole new precessional cycle will commence at the end of the present century.

This timing for the onset of the Aquarian Era agrees with the thinking of both Carl Jung and Edgar Cayce. The date Rudhyar picked for the advent of the Aquarian Age is only a few decades later.

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I accept the validity of both Zodiacs. The peculiar idea that there can be only one is like saying that since there are Houses there can be no Signs (or Constellations)! Each coordinate system refers to a different "level" and vantage point in the structure and function of the Cosmos. The sidereal Zodiac is more intangible than is

[*5] See part I of this article.

the tropical, although by no means less potent or important, and it is nearer to the "soul" level of the esoteric rulerships. In Alice Bailey's difficult *Esoteric Astrology*, the Tibetan (her teacher, D.K.) spoke of these esoteric rulerships. I shall endeavor to explain their basis as this has direct relevance to Uranus and Neptune.

Madame Blavatsky linked the central fourth esoteric rulership, the Animal Soul, with the Sun and all Stars. Indeed the word Zodiac is derived from Zoo (animal), so that the stellar Zodiac represents the level of the *animalis mundi* in the cosmos. Blavatsky linked the level of the Spirit or Monad (the Atman) with the central spiritual Sun of the Kabbala, the massive nucleus of our own galaxy. All galaxies are thus at this seventh level. But which are the intervening fifth and sixth levels? The spiritual soul, the sixth principle, is associated with the huge dense globular clusters of the older population I-stars that form the outer spherical "halo" of our galaxy. For the younger population II-stars in the spiral arms, this sixth principle is shown by those looser large aggregations of stars termed star clouds. Our own star cloud, the local system of some 200,000 stars, is an example of this. The fifth principle then appears in cosmic structure as galactic clusters and the looser younger associations.

Ancient wisdom teaches us that we are on the fourth globe of the fourth chain and in its fourth round. The fourth root race, when involution turned to evolution, is said to have occurred about a million years ago in Atlantis. Having obtained the dominant Four, we now seek the Five as shown by the Great Pyramid with its fourfold base and its incomplete fifth point, the missing capstone. In terms of the enormous cycle of involution-evolution as shown in the stellar Zodiac, we commenced involution at zero-Aries and reversed from matter towards an evolutionary return (*re-ligio*, to "bind back") to the spirit at zero degrees of the Scales. The Scales (constellation Libra) have always been linked with the "center of the Zodiac". So we are still "in the balance"! If we divide the great cycle into seven stages, of $51^{\circ}26'$ each, they symbolically run as follows:

1. Mineral: from 0° Aries to $21^{\circ}26'$ Taurus, the Orion cluster and association, the equatorial Sun of the Kabbala.
2. Vegetable: extending to the centroid of our local system near mid-Cancer, $12^{\circ}52'$.

3. Animal: to $4^{\circ}18'$ Virgo and the Sphinx, our metagalaxy of 2,500 galaxies that marks the entry into the Human Kingdom.
4. Human: runs to $25^{\circ}44'$ Scales, which marks the entry into the fifth kingdom of the soul.
5. Soul: where the large Southern Stream, a 70 million-year-old B-star association, has its center of mass. It stretches through nearly one-sixth of the Zodiac, being also the ancient Via Comabusta. It is also where the Tibetan placed the esoteric rulership of Uranus.

What then of Neptune's cosmic center? The Tibetan linked Neptune's esoteric rulership with the constellation Cancer. But he also linked Saturn with Capricornus. And we know this is a "blind" since all of the Tibetan's even-numbered constellations are interchanged in their rulerships! In *The Secret Doctrine*, Madame Blavatsky associated the constellation Capricornus with the God of the Ocean, with Neptune, and with solar fire, a term the Tibetan used to describe Neptune. Tentatively I find Neptune's cosmic center at about 24° of the constellation Capricornus (24° of the tropical sign Aquarius as of 2,000 A.D.) to be the cluster NGC-6913, which is far above the ecliptic in Cygnus, where it is close to the galactic equator. It is notable that, at its discovery in 1846, Neptune was only a few degrees past this placement. Furthermore, this position is ecliptically square to the Uranus' center at 26° Scorpio (tropical). This is as it ought to be for the electrical field (Uranus) of a wave of light is always square to the magnetic field (Neptune). In their recurrence period of 4,284.8 years, there are two sensate peaks and two ideational ones, which means that each of the two cosmic centers acts twice.

In about 917 B.C. the Uranus-Neptune conjunction was closely opposite the centroid of the Southern Stream. From then to the sensate peak there were four synodic cycles of 171.4 years each, taking us to about 232 B.C. In 453 A.D. their conjunction opposed the Neptune cosmic center. The ideational peak followed 513 years later (three synodic cycles) at the conjunction of 966 A.D. The conjunction of 1307 A.D. was aligned with the Uranian cosmic center, and the sensate peak will have occurred 685 years later at the conjunction of 1993 A.D. The two planets will then cojoin the Neptune center in 2335 A.D. We can therefore predict

that the next ideational peak will occur at about 2850 A.D. The lag period for the sensate peaks is 685 years, four cycles, but for the ideational peaks the lag is only 514 years, three synodic periods. The ideal periods of balance between the two planets appear to occur near the dates of the cited key conjunctions. Many of my colleagues look down on the periods of material achievement, such as the present one, yet without the material base science provides there is too much starvation and misery. One can hardly say that Neptune is "better" than Uranus!

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Due entirely to a lack of sufficient information there has been much controversy about the Ayanamsa, the arc from the first point of the sidereal Zodiac to tropical zero-Aries. A century ago the astronomer Stockwell pointed out that while the Earth's polar precession might occur at a constant rate, this was certainly not so with equinoctial precession. The latter would be constant only if the plane of the ecliptic were fixed, which it is not. [*6] The precession along a non-fixed ecliptic is 25,784 years. The plane of the ecliptic librates: hence its inclination to the mean plane of maximum angular momentum of our whole planetary system, the invariable plane, varies slowly over very long periods as a result of the secular perturbations of the other planets. Additionally, the pole of the ecliptic itself precesses about the pole of the invariable plane in a period of variable length, the mean of which is some 108,000 years. As a result the equinoxes (tropical zero-Aries and zero-Libra) can either lead or lag behind the polar precession by as much as 281 years! When the equinoxes are at right angles to the nodical axis of the ecliptic with the invariable plane, as they were at the time of Christ, the lead of the equinox over the pole has this greatest value. As I see it, the Age of Pisces commenced at about 163 B.C. (close to 160 B.C. when Hipparchus discovered the precession) *equinoctially*, but in a *polar* sense at about 123 A.D. The Aquarius era will therefore commence at about 2000 A.D. *equinoctially*, but roughly 272 years later (as the lead has lessened) in about 2272 A.D. in a polar sense.

[*6] One might think that this incontrovertible fact of life would be known to the fanatical siderealists, who pride themselves on their vastly superior knowledge of astronomy. Unfortunately, on at least this aspect of astronomy, they have been abysmally ignorant.

The rare cross of the equinox with the invariable-plane nodical axis, at the time of the great cardinal cross of the planets in 25 A.D., was another indicator of the Crucifixion. Additional evidence points to our entrance into a new cycle of precession. Instead of dividing the 25,784-year period by twelve to measure the precessional ages, we divide by ten. This gives the incarnations of the Avatars of Vishnu. If we use the 576 B.C. Naros date for the birth of Gautama the Buddha, the ninth incarnation of Vishnu, then the eighth incarnation would have occurred at about 3,154 B.C. This was Krishna, who was born just before the start of the Kali Yuga in 3102 B.C. The tenth emanation should take place in about 2003 A.D., the Second Coming as well as the Maitreya Buddha, in ancient prophecy "the Kalki (white) Avatar who will come from the North". This will end a whole cycle of precession.

The Tibetan described Uranus and Neptune as governing the fifth kingdom of the Soul. He linked Uranus to entry onto the Path (in Buddhism "that one who has entered the Stream"). The Uranus cosmic center marks the start of this next kingdom. [*7] The energies of these various extra-systemic centers are too high for us to respond to unless their appropriate planets are so aligned with them as to act as "step-down" transformers for their powerful and subtle energies.

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[*7] The teachings of that remarkable guru, Krishnamurti, are very Uranian. His natal Sun at 29⁰ Taurus is opposite the Uranus cosmic center, with which his MC and Uranus in late Scorpio are conjunct.

BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH

PART ONE

RECTIFICATION OF AN UNKNOWN BIRTH TIME
USING THE SEPTENARY*--KEN GILLMAN--*

THE SEPTENARY WAS INTRODUCED in the first three issues of this magazine. It relates the sequence in which the seven classical bodies (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn) rise to the eastern horizon in the hours after birth with the pattern of growth that occurs in a person's life. There are 5,040 (factorial seven) such sequences, and therefore 5,040 different growth patterns. The technique is not new: ancient astrologers such as Vettius Valens and Firmicus Maternus hint at it in their writings, but its knowledge appears to have become completely lost in the intervening years.

Despite its simplicity, the Septenary is a most powerful method. It will help us to understand better the makeup of a person. It predicts just how a life has and will develop, and it also tells us the sequence of responses a person will have to any stimulus. Those who have explored the Septenary agree to its elegance and appropriateness, both in timing and symbolism.

If, for example, a person is born with Jupiter rising ahead of Saturn, none of the other five bodies coming between these two, he or she will have responded in early youth to any stimulus (the prompting of a transiting body, for example, which in this horoscope will always transit Jupiter before coming to natal Saturn) by an initial enthusiasm and an attempt to incorporate the new concept into his or her life: there will be an excited desire to explore its full range of possibilities. Each such enthusiasm, however, has to face a withering challenge and is likely to be overwhelmed by the problem of how to consolidate it into the realities of everyday life. The adult world will refuse to recognize the magical world the child experiences: there are no such things as fairies! Don't

bother me now, I've work to do. Not now darling, I've a headache. The initial excitement never quite holds up: realization will always be duller than the initial dream. This happens time and time again. Unless the native is endowed with unusual courage and vigour, he soon avoids becoming enthusiastic about anything, and comes only to expect the worst from life. If a depression invariably follows any peak, if newness leads only to additional responsibilities and extra constraint, to more work, then newness is to be avoided at all costs, new ideas are to be dismissed at once, and the heights recognized for what they really are, dangerous places from which one can fall and suffer injury. As this person becomes older, he or she knows the future is something to be feared. Life can only disappoint and hurt, it leads only toward a painful death. At an early age this person can become afraid of novelty, live in a permanent November, always experiencing a Sun that is moving from Jupiter's Sagittarius into the darker, colder Capricorn, the kingdom Saturn rules.

Saturn following directly after Jupiter in a horoscope does not necessarily indicate an utter defeat but there will certainly be a major humiliation in the life. This will certainly happen if the person's ambitions are in public life, viz. Hirohito, Wilhelm II, William Jennings Bryan and John Dean. These people failed to attain the heights they, and others, had been led to expect from the earlier Jupiterian ease of achievement. As the ambitions of those born with this sequence are more private (Cezanne, Zubin Mehta and Peter Ustinov come to mind) any frustration at being unable to fulfill the earlier promise tends to be less obvious.

Victor Hugo is an interesting case. He also had this sequence. Following his banishment from France, he was able to return and see the downfall of his enemies.

The alternative situation, when Saturn rises immediately ahead of Jupiter, indicates expansion after initial constraint. Here Jupiter's Pisces follows Saturn's Aquarius as the optimistic Sun heads to its annual Vernal Equinox and another Spring. Light is visibly increasing each day, we are getting away from winter, out from the shadows into an increasing warmth. Every day and every way, things are getting better and better. So perhaps life did not begin easily, it was difficult at first, a struggle. This baby did have to crawl before it could walk, to walk before trying to run. But if it can survive, there's future promise of great and permanent success. Jupiter rising next after Saturn indicates the scarred,

ultimate winner in the play of life. He or she learnt early that fate's bark was worse than its bite, that fear could be mastered, and that with discipline, patience and persistence, life did get better and better. He or she never stops trying and never will, knowing that each depression is followed by another peak. No matter how bad today's weather, the sky will clear and the sun will shine again, if not tomorrow then the day after. This is the astrological indicator of the positive optimist.

These are not new ideas at all. They were appreciated thousands of years ago in Mesopotamia. Ancient Sumerians and Babylonians were, for example, well aware that Venus rising before the Sun in a horoscope, Venus as the Morning Star, was in its *virgin* phase, indicating a person who approaches life tentatively, with caution, but who is aware of just how precious each new day will be. The alternative phase of Venus, when she is the Evening Star who rises and sets after the Sun, they called the *harlot* aspect, to indicate a person whose approach to life is fearless and all-consuming, yet who can too quickly become jaded with it all, and so tends to miss the precious uniqueness of each day's dawning in order to gain just a few moments' more rest.

RECTIFICATION OF AN UNKNOWN BIRTH-TIME

Let's examine the horoscope of one of life's potential winners, a man born on a day when Saturn rose just before Jupiter.

To do so we'll first have to rectify it, for the time of birth is unknown. The Septenary will prove invaluable.

Our subject is the controversial religious leader Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, who now lives in Oregon. Prior to coming to the United States, Rajneesh was one of India's most widely known and respected spiritual teachers. He has been described as a Tantric, a Taoist, a Zen Buddhist, a Sufi, a yogi, a Christian mystic, and a Hasid. He belongs to no one particular tradition, yet incorporates in his teachings what is most valid for the modern seeker from each of the ancient traditions.

Rajneesh was born on 11th December 1931 in a small village in the state of Madhya Pradesh, India. He is said to have achieved his own realization (his enlightenment) on 21st March 1953, at the age of twenty-one. He had no

guru, no spiritual master. For nine years, starting in 1957, he served as a professor of philosophy at two universities, resigning his professorship in 1966 in order to devote his life totally to the spiritual awakening of others. As he travelled around India delivering revolutionary discourses on a variety of subjects, many people came to recognize his level of consciousness and spontaneously began surrendering themselves to him. Although he has always claimed that he is not a guru, he soon had thousands of disciples. "I am not a guru," he says, "but I do not deny your need to be a disciple. My every effort is to awaken the guru within you."

Although Rajneesh has never written a book himself, over three hundred books are now available in which his taped discourses have been transcribed.

A publicity leaflet circulated by his followers in the summer of 1981 contains a description of four septenary periods of his life:

1953-60...Preparation: Schooled himself in the art of linguistic communication through academic life; first as student, later as a lecturer, finally as a professor of philosophy at Jabalpur University.

1960-67...Invitation: Travelled the length and breadth of India, continuously lecturing, debating, teaching--contrasting his own personal vision with traditional scriptures.

1967-74...Initiation: Established his own path, offering initiation into sannyas, developing his own meditation techniques and creating the seeds of an international community.

1974-81...Education: Moved to Shree Rajneesh Ashram in Poona and began to give daily discourses, covering every conceivable aspect of the spiritual quest. It was a total effort to help his disciples unburden themselves of intellectual inquiry.

The remaining information available is that, on 11th April 1981, he announced that he had entered a new and ultimate stage of his work. From 1st May 1981 he would speak only through silence. His disciples were now ready to enter into Satsang, a heart-to-heart communion with their Master. Later, in 1981 or early 1982, amid rumours that he had an incurable disease, Rajneesh came to the U.S.A., where he has lived since.

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THE GENERIC SEPTENARY TABLE

If the first body of the seven that will rise after birth is indicated by the letter "A", the last body to have risen prior to the birth by the letter "G", and the other five bodies in order of rising by the letters "B" to "F", then the following generic hundred-year Septenary table of the different ages 0-99 can be used as a template:

Table : GENERIC SEPTENARY TABLE

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/ Planet stimulated by Septenary Ruler /									
Septenary		A	G	F	E	D	C	B	
Ruler									
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A	/	0*	1	2	3	4	5	6	/
B	/	8	9	10	11	12	13	7*	/
C	/	16	17	18	19	20	14*	15	/
D	/	24	25	26	27	21*	22	23	/
E	/	32	33	34	28*	29	30	31	/
F	/	40	41	35*	36	37	38	39	/
G	/	48	42*	43	44	45	46	47	/
A	/	49*	50	.	.	.	.	.	/
G	/	52	51*	57	56	55	54	53	/
F	/	60	59	58*	64	63	62	61	/
E	/	68	67	66	65*	71	70	69	/
D	/	76	75	74	73	72*	78	77	/
C	/	84	83	82	81	80	79*	85	/
B	/	92	91	90	89	88	87	86*	/
A	/	93*	99	98	97	96	95	94	/
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* Years which initiate a septet of years, and in which the appropriate septenary ruler is directed to rise in the east.

Subject: Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh
 Date of birth: 11th December 1931
 Location: a small village in the state of Madhya Pradesh, India. Assume 26N30 80E30.
 Time: Unknown.

First, let's obtain a general idea of the main influences involved. The key phenomena listed in the ephemeris on and around the birth date were as follows:

Table 2: PHENOMENA AROUND THE BIRTH

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/						/
/	9 Dec	15:46	IT* New Moon	16 ⁰ 23'	Sg	/
/	9 Dec	22:54	IT Jupiter station	22 ⁰ 38'	Le	/
/	11 Dec	01:39	IT Moon-Mercury conj	6 ⁰ 18'	Cp	/
/	11 Dec	11:39	IT Neptune station	7 ⁰ 59'	Vi	/
/	11 Dec	16:47	IT Moon-Venus conj	11 ⁰ 51'	Cp	/
/	12 Dec	02:35	IT Mercury station	6 ⁰ 20'	Cp	/
/	13 Dec	18:07	IT Saturn-Pluto opp	21 ⁰ 41'	Cp-Cn	/
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* "IT" is an abbreviation for Indian Civil Time.

Rajneesh was therefore born two days after a New Moon and the Jupiter station, and two days before the important Saturn-Pluto opposition. On the actual day of his birth Neptune made its retrograde station (the Mercury station did not occur until 02:35 IT the following morning) and the Moon passed over both Venus and the slowing Mercury. Anyone born of this day had a powerful birth chart, irrespective of the specific hour of birth, one permeated by the influence of the stationary Neptune.

Planetary positions at the beginning and end of the 24-hour period during which Rajneesh was born are given in Table 3. A casual glance at these positions shows that we have five bodies in Capricorn, including Saturn. The Sun-Jupiter mutual reception forms a grand trine with Uranus in Aries. The Saturn-Pluto close opposition is related to this grand trine by its square (T-cross) to Uranus.

Table 3: PLANETARY POSITIONS
AT START AND END OF 11TH DECEMBER 1931

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/	00:00 LT			/	00:00 LT			/	
/	11th Dec			/	12th Dec			/	
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/	long	lat	RAR	/	long	lat	RAR	/	
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/									
/	Sun	17SG46	-	178.51	/	18SG47	-	180.00	/
/	Moon	5CP22	5S00	201.40	/	19CP05	4S48	216.01	/
/	Mercury	6CP18	1S06	200.00	/	6CP24	0S52	199.57	/
/	Venus	11CP18	1S23	205.27	/	12CP33	1S25	206.46	/
/	Mars	0CP31	0S51	193.34	/	1CP16	0S52	194.24	/
/	Jupiter	22LE38R	0N47	47.44	/	22LE38R	0N48	47.43	/
/	Saturn	21CP24	0S03	214.39	/	21CP30	0S03	214.45	/
/	Uranus	15AR32R	0S39	281.48	/	15AR31R	0S39	281.47	/
/	Neptune	7VI59D	0N46	65.16	/	7VI59R	0N46	65.16	/
/	Pluto	21CN43R	0N29	11.49	/	21CN42R	0N30	11.48	/
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The column headed "RAR" in the above Table 3 gives the Right Ascension on the Midheaven when the particular body has arrived, by Oblique Ascension, at the Ascendant. It will be noted that, due to its extreme southerly latitude, the Moon rises after Mercury throughout the day, and after Saturn in the late hours. Within the day the order of the Moon within the different sequences of risings can be interpolated using its two extreme RAR values.

The reader should note that "rising" in this article means the actual rising of a body and not necessarily its conjunction with the Ascendant.

At the start of the day the MC was 17GE36 with an RAMC of 76°31', 24 hours later the MC had moved around the whole circle and come to 18GE31 and the RAMC had advanced 360°59' to 77°30'.

The Indian time zone, is 5 hours 30 minutes east of Greenwich. Dawn local time occurred at around 06:39 IT, when the RAMC was approximately 179° or, more exactly,

$$178^{\circ}51' + ((6:39/24)*(180-178^{\circ}51')) = 179^{\circ}10'$$

Each one of the seven personal bodies could have been the first to rise after birth. Allowing for the fluctuating position of the Moon, the following sequences of the seven occurred during the day Rajneesh was born.

Table 4:

ALTERNATIVE SEQUENCES OF SEVEN ON 11TH DECEMBER 1931

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/		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	/
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/	1.	SU	MA	ME	MO	VE	SA	JU	/
/	2.	MA	ME	MO	VE	SA	JU	SU	/
/	3.	MA	ME	VE	MO	SA	JU	SU	/
/	4.	ME	VE	MO	SA	JU	SU	MA	/
/	5.	VE	MO	SA	JU	SU	MA	ME	/
/	6.	MO	SA	JU	SU	MA	ME	VE	/
/	7.	SA	JU	SU	MA	ME	VE	MO	/
/	8.	JU	SU	MA	ME	VE	MO	SA	/
/	9.	SU	MA	ME	VE	MO	SA	JU	/
/	10.	SU	MA	ME	VE	SA	MO	JU	/
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Table 5 on the next page places each of the above ten different rising sequences into the generic Septenary table, listing years instead of ages.

The first of the year-weeks for which we have a description, the period of Rajneesh's "Preparation", commenced around the time of his enlightenment in 1953. This was at the start of his fourth septet, ruled by planet "D", and it continued until 1960, when the next septet began. The description of these preparation years could fit Mercury (the linguistic communication), Jupiter (academic life), Saturn (the whole concept of preparation), or the Sun or Mars (schooling himself). It appears least like a Moon or Venus phase.

The following period of "invitation" began in 1960, at the start of the fifth Septenary period, ruled by planet "E". Travelling the length and breadth of India reminds one of Ghandi's Jupiter periods (see *Considerations* II page 26), but we note that Ghandi also travelled extensively during Sun periods. Mercury must also be a possible ruler of this Septenary because of Rajneesh "contrasting" his personal vision with traditional scripture. The overall description of these years as being ones of "invitation" also suggests the Moon or Venus. Saturn and

[illegible]

Note that in the above table each year listed is the one that follows the appropriate 11th December birthday, i.e. AA=32 indicates the year from 11th December 1931 to 10th December 1932.

Mars seem to be the least appropriate rulers of this period, although one does pause to reconsider Saturn due to the reference to "ancient scriptures".

The period of "initiation" again covers a complete Septenary period, the sixth. These years stand out as being related to the Sun or Mars, perhaps to Jupiter. Doing things one's own way is especially Solar or Martian. Yet if Mars relates to the sowing of seeds, so also could Venus. This period is ruled by whichever of the seven bodies is designated as "F".

Finally, the year-week ruled by the body last to rise in Rajneesh's horoscope must be related to his "Education" years. Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury spring immediately to mind. But note that Rajneesh is said to have been attempting the removal of "intellectual inquiry", which calls Jupiter and Saturn into question, these two do not usually go in conflict with the accepted way of doing things. Moon or Venus are unlikely. That leaves the Sun and Mars. Education and the Sun are not unrelated, and the word "quest" also fits both of these two bodies. Indeed, Mars is our planetary symbol of the Arthurian grail quest.

Let's summarize our thoughts on these four year-weeks and see which, if any, of the ten alternative rising sequences emerges as a possibility.

Planet "D" rules the time of "preparation". Moon and Venus seem unlikely, the other five are all possibles. That seems to rule out sequences # 1, 2, 9 and 10.

Planet "E" rules "invitation": Mars and Saturn seemed least likely, which rules out sequences # 2, 3, 6, and 10.

Planet "F" rules "initiation": Moon, Mercury and Saturn do not seem to fit, so we can omit sequences # 1, 6, 8 and 10.

Planet "G" rules "education", which is least like Moon and Venus, suggesting that sequences # 6 and 7 are out.

Table 6:

Rising sequence #	Fails	Rising Sequence #	Fails
1	D, F	6	E, F, G
2	D, E	7	G
3	E	8	F
4	None	9	D
5	None	10	D, E, F

This certainly suggests we can forget about sequences # 1, 2, 6 and 10. Sequences # 4 and 5 appear the most likely, but we should review our rationale for omitting sequences # 3, 7, 8 and 9, each of which fail for just a single reason.

Sequences # 4 and 5 are the most likely candidates. These were as follows:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
#4:	ME	VE	MO	SA	JU	SU	MA
#5:	VE	MO	SA	JU	SU	MA	ME

Let's now look at more specific dates.

Enlightenment occurred in March, 1953, when planet "D" came to the Ascendant, giving us either Saturn (#4) or Jupiter (#5) there. Jupiter seems much more likely for this event and for the subsequent college years.

In 1957 Rajneesh became Professor of Philosophy. Planet "D" was stimulating planet "G". Either Saturn had arrived at Jupiter (#4) or Jupiter was at the Sun (#5). Both are possible.

In 1966, the year when he resigned from his University position, planet "E" is directed to the position of planet "F": Jupiter at the Sun (#4) or Sun at Mars (#5).

In 1981 Rajneesh announced and began his time of silence. This appropriately was the turning 50th year of his life (see *Considerations II* for a full discussion of the importance of this turning-point in any life). The alternate sequences give us Mercury back at the ascendant (#4) or Venus there (#5).

Later that same year, or early in the next, following rumours of illness, Rajneesh moved to the U.S.A. For 1982 we have "A" at "G": Mercury at Mars (#4) or Venus at Mercury (#5).

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A planet is the first to rise in a horoscope if there is no other between it and the rising degree, or within five degrees of that rising degree. Refer to Table 3. Interpolation shows that Mercury rises when the RAR is approximately $199^{\circ}59'$, Mars when it is $193^{\circ}50'$, Venus at $205^{\circ}44'$, and the Moon at around $206^{\circ}50'$.

For example,

Mercury approximate rising =

$$200.00 + ((199.57 - 200) * (200 - 76.31) / 360.59) = 199^{\circ}59'$$

Mars rises only $6^{\circ}9'$ ahead of Mercury, Hence if Mercury is below the Ascendant by more than $1^{\circ}9'$ it will not be the first to rise as Mars will still be within five degrees of the rising degree. For Mercury to be the first to rise the RAR must be from $198^{\circ}51'$ to $204^{\circ}59'$. Venus is the first to rise when the RAR is between 205° and $210^{\circ}44'$.

Using the Septenary, we have obtained an approximate birth RAMC of between $198^{\circ}51'$ to $210^{\circ}44'$, which covers the two possible rising sequences, #4 (Mercury first) and #5 (Venus first).

The Midheaven therefore ranges from $20^{\circ}22'$ Libra to $2^{\circ}53'$ Scorpio, and (at $26^{\circ}N30'$ latitude) the Ascendant falls between $6^{\circ}05'$ and $17^{\circ}28'$ Capricorn.

This suggests a birth time of between 08:07 and 08:55 Indian Civil Time.

Let's initially take the midpoint of this range of possibilities and set up a chart with Midheaven at $26^{\circ}LI37'$ and Ascendant $11^{\circ}CP46'$, which occurred at approximately 08:31 IT on 11th December 1931. If our use of the Septenary has been effective, this chart is very close (the maximum error either way is twenty minutes in time) to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's exact horoscope.

At 08:31 IT Mercury was still the first body to rise, it remains within $4^{\circ}37'$ from the rising point. If the reader prefers the second sequence with Venus first to rise (as this writer tends to do) the above chart can be advanced by a minute or so in time: at 08:35 LT, MC is $27^{\circ}LI36'$, ASC $12^{\circ}CP24'$, VX $22^{\circ}LE58'$ and Moon $10^{\circ}CP19'$, all other positions are exactly as for 08:31, the major difference being that now Mercury is $5^{\circ}37'$ above the rising point, so Venus leads the sequence.

An examination of Table 7 provides some clues as to how Rajneesh's chart should be interpreted.

The three planets Mercury, Venus and Mars are in close parallel of declination.

Jupiter is very close to the Vertex.

There are two close mundane squares involving Uranus. When Mars rises (RAR = 193.52) Uranus is at the IC (RAMC + 180 = 194.33), and when Uranus is at the Ascendant (RAR = 281.48) the Moon will be at the Midheaven (RAMC = 281.36).

FIRST APPROXIMATION TO BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH'S HOROSCOPE
08:31 IT (03:01 UT), 11th December 1931: 26N30 80E30

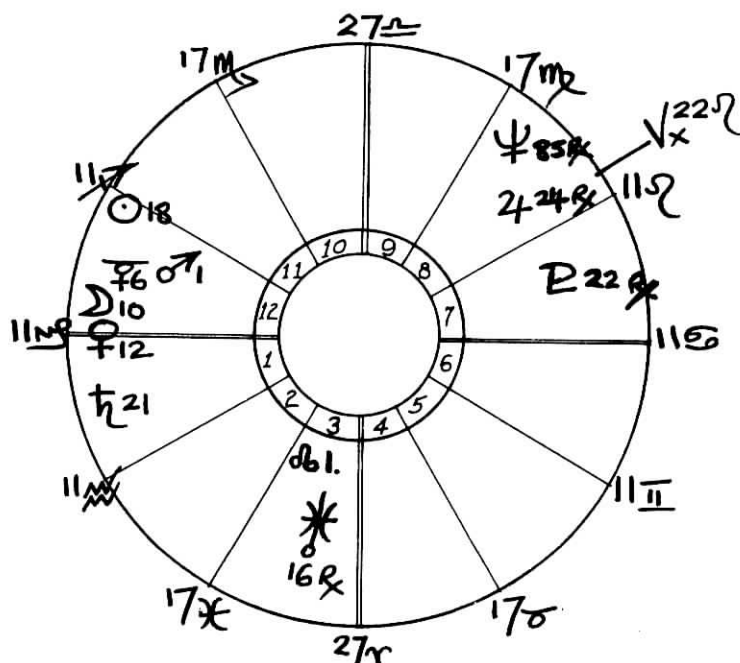


Table 7: DETAILED POSITIONS AT 08:31 IT

		LONG	LAT	RAMC	DEC	RAR	
/	MC	26LI33	-	204.37	10S15	119.47	/
/	AS	11CP26	-	282.26	22S57	204.37	/
/	VX	22LE24	-	144.45	14N03	47.35	/
/	SU	18SG07	-	257.05	22S55	179.15	/
/	MO	10CP16	4S58	281.36	28S00	206.58	/
/	ME	6CP21	1S01	276.59	24S19	200.00	/
/	VE	11CP44	1S24	282.54	24S19	205.55	/
/	MA	OCP47	OS52	270.51	24S18	193.52	/
/	JU	22LE38R	ON47	145.15	14N43	47.43	/
/	SA	21CP26	OS03	293.11	21S48	214.41	/
/	UR	15AR32R	OS39	14.33	5N31	281.48	/
/	NP	7VG59R	ON46	159.56	9N17	65.16	/
/	PL	21CN43R	ON30	113.33	22N17	11.49	/
/	NO	1AR23	-	1.17	ON33	271.00	/

Uranus is already prominent in the horoscope. It is a part of the important grand trine with the mutually receptive Sun and Jupiter, which here can be partially interpreted as Sun = Uranus/Jupiter. Uranus also forms the T-Cross with Saturn-Pluto. Now, with these two mundane squares (known to the early Greek astrologers as paranatellonta), which depend so much on the specific geographical location, we can relate Uranus to the stellium in Capricorn. As a result of the relationship Uranus has with each other body in the chart (except the stationary Neptune), we can expect each of Rajneesh's actions and responses to be colored by Uranus: to be intellectually exciting and revolutionary.

Before we go any further, however, we must test the validity of this chart. To do this, we will examine the transits and progressions for the two known dated events.

INITIAL VALIDATION

Event: Enlightenment on 21st March 1953

Charts to examine:

1. Transits on 21st March 1953, angles for 08:10-08:55 IT, planets at 08:31.
2. Converse transits on 1st September 1910, planets and angles as for #1.
3. Progressed secondary planets at 11:00 IT on 1st January 1932. Primary angles corresponding to 10:39-11:24 on that day.
4. Converse secondary planets at 16:40 IT on 20th November 1931. Primary angles corresponding to 16:19-17:04 on that day.

Details are given in Table 8.

It is appreciated that converse secondaries and transits are completely ignored by the current breed of astrological authors. The fault often lies not with the author but with the commercial chart service employed. My excuse for being backwards is threefold: self-computation, uncertainty of exactly just how astrology works, and the experience that these converse transits and progressions are most effective.

Table 8: TRANSITS & SECONDARIES AT ENLIGHTENMENT

	TRANSITS		SECONDARIES		POSSIBLE 08:10-08:55	
	DIRECT	CONVERSE	PROG.	CONVERSE	NATAL	
MC	26CP-8AQ	9CN-20	12SC-24	28VI-11LI	20LI-3SC	
AS	8TA-22	8LI-19	27CP-10AQ	17SG-28	6CP-17	
SU	0AR13	7VI48	9CP37	26SC44	18SG07	
MO	15GE52	5LE47	11LI58	28PI39	10CP16	
ME	25PI19R	4LI54	20SG07	14SG27	6CP21	
VE	1TA16	15LE43	7AQ59	15SG25	11CP45	
MA	0TA38	16VI35	16CP58	14SG58	0CP47	
JU	19TA14	14LI53	21LE49R	22LE01	22LE38R	
SA	25LI43R	6TA27R	23CP48	19CP24	21CP26	
UR	14CN26R	21CP38R	15AR27	15AR57R	15AR32R	
NP	23LI07R	20CN47	7VI52R	7VI52	7VI59R	
PL	21LE12R	27GE49	21CN18R	22CN01R	21CN43R	
NO	9AQ53	22TA54	0AR16	2AR30	1AR23	

Converse transit Sun is conjunct natal Neptune, the planet that made its station on Rajneesh's day of birth, and the converse transit Uranus-Neptune opposition falls on the natal Saturn-Pluto opposition. Note also that, within the range of possible Ascendants, converse transit Jupiter rises on the converse transit Ascendant--any day after or before the birth on which a planet is angular at the time and place of birth will be a most significant day, one colored by that particular angular body.

The usual forward, or direct, transits are also meaningful. The Saturn-Neptune conjunction may be close to natal MC, and the Venus-Mars conjunction, which widely opposes that Saturn-Neptune conjunction, is itself opposite our range of positions in which the natal MC may lie. Pluto is conjunct natal Jupiter, and the Sun conjunct natal Node (the conjunction with progressed Node is even closer). Again, we note that transit Jupiter may be very close to the transit ascending degree.

The converse secondary Sun has come to an exact semi-square with natal Venus. Interestingly, the converse Ascendant could be conjunct natal Sun. The natal triple conjunction of Mercury, Venus and Mars was much tighter at this time, 21 days 2 hours 39' 24.75" prior to the birth,

it is being triggered by transit (direct) Moon. The New Moon two days before Rajneesh's birth, at 16SG23, was close to this area.

The progressed secondary Sun may be at natal Ascendant. Progressed Moon is square natal Venus, and could be square natal Ascendant. Progressed MC may be semisquare natal Mercury. Progressed Mars conjuncts the natal Venus/Saturn midpoint.

Enlightenment or self-realization is a peak experience, one that should be indicated by an angle coming by progression to an appropriate natal body or, less frequently, by the appropriate progressed body coming to a natal angle. The angle concerned is more likely to be the Ascendant or the Midheaven than those opposite, and the aspect should be a conjunction. The appropriate body certainly cannot be the Moon or Mercury. Each of the other eight can be appropriate, under certain conditions, depending on what the experience described as "enlightenment" truly represents. In this chart, because of their strength, the Sun, Uranus, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn could each be possible. Our preference is, however, that the body should be the Sun, which is the single most effective astrological symbol of self-realization.

Progressed secondary Sun at 9CP37 could be very close to the exact Ascendant of the birth chart. The converse secondary Ascendant could be exactly at the position of Rajneesh's natal Sun. Either one of these aspects, when combined with the other secondary and transit activity, is sufficient to indicate Enlightenment. Unfortunately the two moments of birth for these aspects to be exact do not coincide. One is at 08:23:30 IT, the other 08:16. However the angles and planetary positions for these two alternative birth moments differ only slightly from each other and from the positions listed in Table Five.

Table: 9

	For natal AS = 9CP37	For converse AS = 18SG07	Midpoint
Time of birth:	08:23:30 IT	08:16:00 IT	08:19:45 IT
Midheaven	24LI33	22LI33	23LI33
Ascendant	9CP37	7CP49	8CP43
Vertex	21LE20	20LE17	20LE48
Moon	10CP12	10CP08	10CP10

24LI25, the midpoint of transit Saturn-Neptune, is very close to the Midheaven of the AS=9CP37 chart.

Tentatively, we could take the midpoint of these two times, 08:19:45 IT, as an improved approximation of the true moment of birth. This gives a natal chart for which both $SU \text{ pr} = AS$ and $AS \text{ con} = SU$ were within very close orbs at the time of the enlightenment.

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THE SECOND VERIFICATION

We have the date when Rajneesh announced his upcoming silence, and the date when this began. The former date would seem to be the more important of the two. This was the time of his decision, or close to it. The day on which his silence began may have been determined by the need for a necessary interval following the announcement, during which he and his disciples could complete any unfinished business.

The transits and secondaries, both direct and converse, coincident with the announcement on 11th April 1981 of Rajneesh's forthcoming silence, (details in Table Ten) are calculated for the following:

1. Transits for 11th April 1981, angles at 08:10-08:55, planets at 08:31 IT.
2. Converse transits for 9th August 1882, angles and planets as above,
3. Progressed secondary planets at 16:40 on 29th January 1932. Primary angles corresponding to 16:20-17:04 on that day.
4. Converse secondary planets at 00:22 on 23rd October 1931. Primary angles corresponding to 00:01-00:46 on that day.

The secondary (direct) Mercury-Pluto opposition and the transit (direct) Pluto close to natal Midheaven seem appropriate for Rajneesh's silence.

The reported ill health can be related to the progressed (direct) Sun-Mars conjunction. Secondary Saturn could be aspecting natal angles: direct Saturn square MC, converse Saturn square Ascendant.

Table 10: TRANSITS AND SECONDARIES AT SILENCE

	TRANSITS		PROGRESSIONS		POSSIBLE 08:10-08:55	
	DIRECT	CONVERSE	DIRECT	CONVERSE	NATAL	
MC	17AQ-29	18GE-30	9SG-21	28LE-11VI	20LI-3SC	
AS	2GE-15	19VG-30	OPS-16	23SC-4SG	6CP-18	
SU	21AR09	16LE23	8AQ21	28LI25	18SG07	
MO	16CN51	22GE15	26LI06	17PS25	10CP12	
ME	4AR45	10LE02	19CP59	1SC10	6CP21	
VE	22AR07	27VG31	12PS44	10SC10	11CP44	
MA	19AR18	24VG04	9AQ00	24SC29	0CP47	
JU	3LI29R	24GE03	18LE51R	19LE11	22LE38R	
SA	5LI17R	25TA22	27CP08	17CP26	21CP26	
UR	29SC32R	16VG56	15AR58	16AR56R	15AR32R	
NP	24SG48R	18TA51	7VG21R	7VG20	7VG59R	
PL	23LI10R	0GE12	20CN42R	22CN10	21CN43R	
NO	7LE13	25SC37	28PS47	4AR00	1AR23	

The upcoming move to the U.S.A. is heralded by the converse secondary Venus sextile to natal Moon. Progressed direct Uranus square Ascendant may be appropriate. Progressed Moon on a natal angle is certainly the aspect we should expect to find, and there it is on the MC!

We also note that, within the possible bounds, natal Neptune is aspected by both conv. MC (0°) and prog. AS (180°), and that prog. MC could be conjunct natal Sun.

The object of this article was to introduce the reader to the value of the Septenary in rectification. Whether Rajneesh's MC is 24LI or not is something others can decide. Here we had an unknown time of birth and very sparse information. Few would dare try a rectification with just two dated events. The Septenary has, however, enabled us to pass into this dare-not land and has pointed at a forty-minute period during which Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh could most certainly have been born. Transits and progressions at the time of the only dated events known to us (the Enlightenment and the Silence) confirm the appropriateness of the proposed time.

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BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH**PART TWO****SOME THOUGHTS ON HIS HOROSCOPE**

--KEN GILLMAN--

A chart with the last decanate of Libra on the Mid-heaven seems to fit with the little we know of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. The coincidence of Venus and the Moon conjunct the Ascendant when Jupiter is at the Vertex is especially meaningful. His life certainly has followed the direction a strong Jupiter (trine Sun in Sagittarius) would indicate: the professorships of philosophy at two universities, the travels, the many publications, going to live in a foreign land, and the obvious search for a meaning in life, the religious quest.

Our personal preference is that Venus be the first planet to rise after birth in Rajneesh's horoscope. This requires that the moment of birth be slightly later than the 08:20 IT suggested by his enlightenment. We are therefore using a chart for 08:35 IT, with 13CP rising and 28LI at the MC.

Ruler of the MC is conjunct the Ascendant, indicating that his status in life has resulted from his own independent efforts, his vocation is self-inspired, and his goal is his own self-advancement.

The suggested birth time occurred in the daytime and two of the three planets that thrive in a diurnal chart, the Sun and Jupiter, are in mutual reception, which can be interpreted as if each were in its own sign. The third planet that tradition says is strongest in a diurnal horoscope, Saturn, is also in its own sign, Capricorn, and rules the Ascendant and the rising stellium; it is additionally powerful by being located in the 1st house. This combination, a diurnal chart with Sun, Jupiter and Saturn each strong, indicates the horoscope of a potentially very important person.

Combine this with Mars in Capricorn close to the Ascendant, and we have the traditional signature of a

winning general, a Caesar.

But the Sun is in the XIIth house, where it shows a desire not for mundane rewards but to transcend life, to seek out and touch the divine; furthermore, the birth occurred on the day when Neptune, ruler of the natural XIIth house, went stationary. Indeed, this horoscope has quite a XIIth-house emphasis: Jupiter and Neptune, co-rulers of the twelfth sign Pisces, are stationary. The Neptune station permeates the whole chart with a sense of mystical devotion. The exact trine from Neptune to the rising Mercury shows an ease in communicating this mystical message to others.

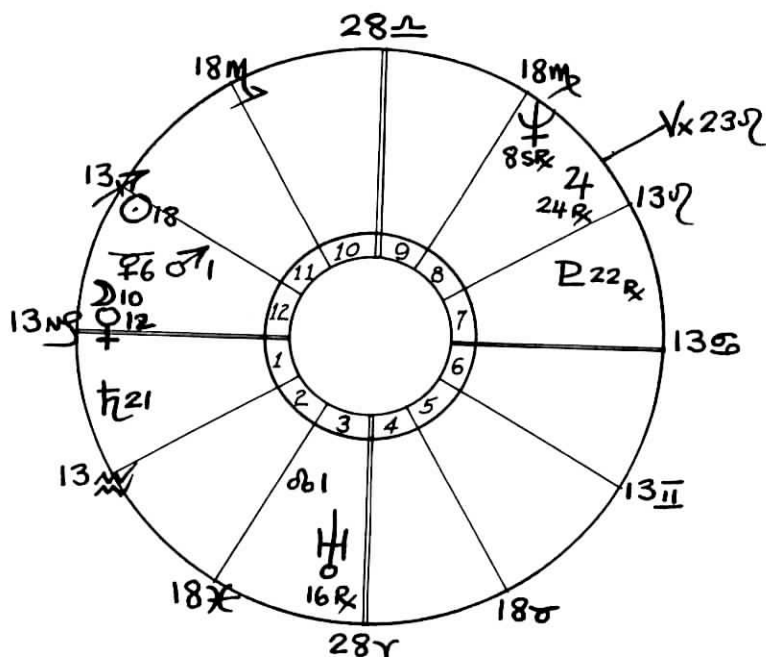
And the Moon and Venus rise, the indicator of a loving, feeling personality. Rajneesh is someone who is pleasant and friendly to everyone he meets.

BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH

08:35 IT (03:05 UT)

11th December 1931

26N30 80E30



So perhaps Rajneesh does have the wrong temperament to be a fighting Caesar. There is too much love and mysticism flowing through this horoscope, but there is that Capricorn stellium. Capricorn tends to see the world only through the senses, which is a material view of reality at first sight very different from the Sun-Jupiter-Neptune-XII message that predominates here. Obviously the two apparently conflicting directions have to be combined together within Rajneesh. Capricorn is connected with the formal side of religion, the obeisance we do on our saturnine knees, Neptune with the mystery, the mystical vision, that the Capricorn religious dogma and form attempts to contain. Rajneesh does have a need to be an authority figure. He could not have become a lonely hermit, a totally unassuming Guru, content to live his life among the foothills of the Himalayas, unnoticed by the world. There is an internal drive for recognition, to have disciples, even perhaps to create and preside over a religious empire: a Rajneeshville.

There are definite conflicts in this horoscope: the Capricorn stellium--driven by Saturn and Mars, demanding authority and recognition, and that needful Moon!--competes with the Neptune-Jupiter-Sun desire to lose oneself in the mystical world. Had Rajneesh been born in a Roman Catholic country he could more easily have combined this Capricorn-Pisces conflict within the hierarchy of the Church. The key to the conflict for one born in a land outside the Church's influence lies perhaps with Uranus, which is part of the fiery grand trine, is paran Mars and the Moon, and also forms a T-cross with Saturn and Pluto.

That Saturn-Pluto opposition requires study. Cold Saturn is opposed by distant Pluto. We have read in some textbooks that this aspect symbolizes paranoia and other compulsive obsessions. Pluto is the great transforming agent of our universe, it causes death in order that there be a rebirth in another form. Pluto emerges silently from the depths of the tomb, bringing with it powerful instincts and ways of doing things that were ancient and implacable back in our distant past. Its urges are quite foreign to us, they are those of uncivilized primordial man. It brings a truth and an explosive energy about which we have just frightening hints from the restless dreams we experience on moonless chilling nights. It represents our dark side, which we rejected further back than our grandfathers can possibly remember, now utterly inconceivable. Pluto comes stealthily, obsessively out from Gaia's womb, up through the rotting humus in the neglected corner of our rose garden, to demand a crucifixion of the soul. And

here it has encountered Saturn, the pass-me-not, defender of all that society holds dear. Saturn represents the very structure of our life, the bones upon which we have hung our beliefs. It is our whole belief-system, the common law by which we live, our very tradition, our book of (common) prayer.

Saturn states that everything is and shall stay under control, remaining as it always has been. Pluto demands that things change, that their very structure be transformed.

In the outer world of the early 1930s, where Saturn was not the Ascendant ruler and not located in the 1st, this planetary defender of our faith did respond to Pluto's attack by trying to over-control the primitive monster and the Great Depression resulted, as did the Dust Bowl.

The Saturn in Rajneesh's horoscope is able to accept and integrate Pluto's silent screaming rages, its passionate, instinctual, destructive urges. It is strong enough to channel these powerful Plutonian images from the collective psyche and to give them form. Saturn represents authority, it needs warmth, recognition, acceptance by those it most respects; it expects at least a principedom in return. Given the powerful Neptune influence here, this suggests a mystical kingdom on earth complete with by-laws and elections. When not accepted on these terms, Saturn will typically make a virtue out of its lack of warmth and go off alone to become a martyr. In this horoscope it is strong enough to ensure that Pluto's need for transforming change occurs only within traditional Capricorn paths.

A weak Saturn will hinder the very intent of the horoscope, which is always symbolized by the Sun. Here Saturn is immensely strong and its every action will, therefore, be in true accord with the overall solar purpose. The Sun in the sign of the bow-drawing Centaur represents Aspiration, the perfect man of real enlightenment and benevolence, breadth of outlook and wideness of sympathy. The Sun's trine to Jupiter emphasizes the fated intent of this particular horoscope, to bring the spirit into the corporeal world and to strive on and upward.

The Uranus square to the Saturn-Pluto opposition, strengthened by its trines from the mutually receptive Sun and Jupiter, intercepts and interrupts what could otherwise be a fluctuation between an obsessively destructive Pluto on the one hand and a rigid, controlling, warmth-

demanding Saturn on the other. Uranus introduces a revolutionary breadth of outlook, which is how Rajneesh has been able to resolve this immense conflict: he went back to the traditional teachings of the main religions and explained (Mercury trine Neptune) how the teachings of each should be understood, how each is fully correct in what is said and how the message of each is identical. Rajneesh is transforming our understanding of the ideas inherent in the older religious teachings. He has not attempted to destroy the traditional gospels but instead is bringing a new understanding to them. Influenced so strongly by the three outer planets, he is attempting to bring the original spirit back into present religious forms.

And now we read in the newspapers that he is also bringing back into society (Saturn) those whom society has rejected (Pluto), the bums and down-and-outs, giving them the bus fare to get to his Oregon town, then food, clothing, shelter and work once they get there.

In a sense, Saturn and Pluto are aligning themselves with Uranus, their contact to Sun-Jupiter. "Stop considering what is right, cease thinking of all the reasons for and against--instead just be who you are, who you really are. And...expect a miracle". The T-cross tells us something about the problems Rajneesh has had to face as he has attempted to convey his message, to fulfill his Sagittarian quest.

Moon and Venus, the feeling of love, rise in this horoscope. This is also the emblem on the national flags of those countries who are aligned with Mohammed, an earlier prophet.

The proposed horoscope does explain the Rajneesh about whom we know so few personal details. It clearly explains his life up to this point, and it also indicates that there are even more significant events yet to occur in his life. We used the Septenary here to rectify the chart, and it seems to have enabled us to narrow the time of birth down to a forty-minute range. Now the reader should use the method to evaluate the subsequent stages in this life: has the Saturn-Pluto opposition been fully resolved, fully incorporated into the life, or will it challenge him further and require more growth? This is a most demanding horoscope, one from which we have not yet heard the last word.

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LET'S CONSIDER:

A TELEPHONE ON THE ANKLE

AXEL HARVEY writes on a personal note:

My Summer was full of nasties (the traditional mal-efics being in continual square to my wintry natal sign) that I won't mention. Here is a trivial occurrence readers might enjoy, though.

Natal Sun, Mercury and Uranus are respectively at $16^{\circ}53'$ Aquarius, $21^{\circ}22'$ Aquarius and $18^{\circ}22'$ Taurus. On 17th July last year, at 12:40 EDT precisely (I keep one clock maniacally exact) Mars was at $16^{\circ}29'$ Scorpio while Mercury was at $18^{\circ}23'$ Leo. Thus the transiting Mercury-Mars midpoint was one arc-minute away from my radical Sun-Uranus midpoint.

What happened? The telephone having been put in an unusual place, I tripped on the overstretched wire. This pulled the telephone with a jerk: it flew off the table and smacked me hard on the outside right ankle, which remained sore for a few days. The telephone receiver "hook" was jammed by the impact and (since an important call was expected and modern Canadian phones are designed so that no-one can tamper with them) I had to spend the next hour figuring out how to remove the telephone case so I could put the hook back on its hinges.

What triggered the event? Well, the Moon was applying from $14^{\circ}04'$ Aquarius, but that is not a very close contact. The only startling fact about the event map is that--as if to underscore its Aquarian nature--the eleventh cusp (Campanus) was at $16^{\circ}29'$ Leo, less than a quarter-arc-minute from a square with Mars.

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REMEMBER OUR CONTEST?

OUR FIRST ISSUE featured a contest. We published four maps for various times and places on 6th February 1946. Two of the maps were dummies; the other two belonged to singer Kate McGarrigle and artist Anna Vojtech. We appended short biographies and asked our readers to match the horoscopes with their owners.

Data were:

Chart A. Anna Vojtech. 5:45 UT, Prague: 50N06.0
14E26.2.

Chart B. Catherine McGarrigle. 6:30 UT,
Montreal: 45N31 73W35.

Chart C. Dummy. 12:00 UT, Prague.

Chart D. Dummy. 12:30 UT, Montreal.

We presented one dummy map for Prague and another for Montreal so that no-one could find out who was who simply by deducing the birthplace latitudes from the angles.

Now the results: one contest entry submitted, one map correctly assigned.

The sole contestant was Ruth Hale Oliver of Hollywood, California, who correctly picked Chart B for Kate McGarrigle.

Is there any interest in future contests?

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LET'S CONSIDER:

THE CELESTIAL DRAGON

--IRENE EMERY GOODALE--

A VERY VALUABLE synchronicity occurred for me in October 1984 as the transiting Dragon's Tail passed over and separated from my IIIrd house Saturn in $1^{\circ}09'$ Sagittarius. This was just weeks before the solar eclipse fell in the same degree and the nodal axis squared my Neptune-Mars in $25^{\circ}-29^{\circ}$ Leo. The combination helped to explain some mysteries I had experienced over the past four years.

During the days of this transit I received information from two esoteric journals concerning the nodal axis and the Celestial Dragon. It was magical, though perhaps no so surprising.

The first of these articles [*1] summed up the nodal ideas of a number of astrologers with emphasis on Arthur Gauntlett's significant work. Regarding an eclipse, it mentioned that "all countries have a myth describing such a celestial dragon, or its bestiary equivalent, in hiding, waiting to destroy an unsuspecting solar hero."

The second source of information was a letter to the editor of *Parabola* [*2], which dealt with the subject of theft and with the great dragon chasing a flaming orb, a subject found so often in Chinese and Japanese art. But here, as the writer points out, the object of the dragon is not merely to destroy, or eliminate, the solar hero, but rather to eat "the worthy opponent in order to acquire the victim's strength and courage, to consume his 'fire', the treasure-hard-to-attain, which may be viewed as being symbolic of a higher consciousness."

In both of these sources a man is speaking.

[*1] Noah O'Daniel, "Heads and Tails" Considerations IV p. 51.

[*2] Fall 1984, p. 4-5.

Yet the celestial dragon, with Caput and Cauda, describes the path of the feminine principle, the Moon, as it rises and descends with regularity along the ecliptic. At the time of a solar eclipse, is it not then symbolic of the heroine committed to uniting with her treasure-hard-to-attain? As the author of the letter suggests, "this implies the over-throwing of external authority, dogma, conventional morality, in favor of one's own authority, truth and morality. It implies stealing something that is truly ours, such as our own soul, our own Godhead after which the approval of others is of little consequence, as the orb is said to represent the Sun, Moon, or a pearl and is a symbol of wholeness, the union of opposites, or that which quickens consciousness."

Is the celestial dragon a symbol of Woman in general and, at the time of an eclipse, does this dragon convey an allegory about the feminine principle which on the physical level "consumes" the masculine principle at Caput or Cauda, thus destroying the solar hero by robbing him of his most precious treasure, his semen, while absorbing this jewel for herself?

"As the story goes," says the writer of the letter, "this flaming orb is said to have originally resided in the mouth of the dragon until it was wrested free (stolen) by mortals."

Does this mean that originally the Dragon (woman-feminine principle) was united with her treasure-hard-to-attain and that she had held it in her "mouth", or head (symbolizing north latitude and Caput), indicating spiritual victory, wholeness, and the union of opposites, which quickens consciousness? Was she immortal once upon a time, dedicating sexual energy to spiritual use only? And is this now no longer true because the treasure was once "wrested from her by mortals"? ("Mortals" here implies a lower level of consciousness). Is the "truth" of this allegory no longer known because the "mortals" no longer pursue the spiritual treasure but instead waste the Cauda energy only on physical enjoyment? This could explain why, in the Orient, the orb is continually seen as pursued by the Dragon's head.

Can this allegory be exploring the difference between a significant subjective experience as illustrated by an eclipse near Cauda, as opposed to one near Caput, and can we consider this a message of great importance, especially when either type of eclipse relates to a planet in one's birth chart? Does either type of eclipse signal to us a

distinct behavior necessary if we are to get on with our unique task? I think it does, especially when the eclipse is related to our natal Sun or Moon.

(As I wrote these words, the jewelry shop telephoned to say that my gold bracelet, once my mother's, was mended and ready to be picked up--symbol of Sun-gold and Mother-Moon, and a circle of wholeness which confirms what I am expressing.)

I say this because the two sources of information mentioned above formed a synchronicity with a most significant aspect, although in this instance it was not related directly to my Sun or Moon, but to my natal Saturn. Transiting Cauda, originating in the Galactic Center in the natal IVth, was conjunct my Saturn just prior to the solar eclipse in Sagittarius on my Saturn, and the nodal axis squared my Neptune-Mars conjunction. The emphasis was thus not only on my Saturn and its associations for, with the spiritual use of the energy of my Mars-Neptune conjunction in Leo in the XIIth house, it prompted a higher form of love consciousness. This meaningful combination of coincidences in 1984 brought me a new understanding of the celestial dragon in connection with eclipses, which leads me to tell of my experience. Because Saturn was involved with the union of opposites, as symbolized by the eclipse at its natal degree, the message which I received and now pass on had to do with restriction, concentration, with a focus on time and recreation, and the "coiled serpent" which this planet represents.

This particular eclipse on 1984's Thanksgiving Day brought to completion an intuitive message I acted upon on 20th January 1981. This just "happened" to be the Inauguration Day when 52 hostages were released after being imprisoned in Iran for 444 days. On that day the Full Moon, at 18° North declination, fell on my natal Sun, 0°44' Leo, and was eclipsed by the Sun. This symbolic union (the Full Moon on my natal Sun) was eclipsed, sealed and blessed by the Aquarian Sun, and the prompting I received gave me the impression that I was to remain celibate for at least 444 days, during which period I should totally concentrate on focusing energy and consciousness into my head. There was no question of choice, no "either-or". The prompting was more like a command. (I should add that, due to an exact septile aspect between the Sun and Moon at my birth, I am particularly sensitive to each and any aspect these two bodies form in the sky).

In July of that same year, 1981, the Full Moon was again eclipsed, this time on the cusp of my Vth Capricorn house, emphasizing containment and continence.

In 1982 the solar eclipse at 27° Gemini fell on my natal North Node; in 1983 a lunar eclipse fell on the same degree. Both of these eclipses therefore emphasized this nodal point of divine intent and challenge, pointing at communication and Mercury, ruler of my MC and Ascendant.

In 1984 came the completion of this cycle that had started in January 1981. On 30th May transiting Sun conjunct my IXth house natal Moon at 9°54' Gemini as both were eclipsed by the Moon. Here, in 18° North declination, the Moon in her Caput role held the treasure-hard-to-attain in her mouth. She held in her head the symbol of wholeness the transiting Sun made with my natal Moon. This was a reversal of what had occurred in January 1981, at which time the Sun had blessed, or sealed, the union of transiting Moon conjunct my natal Sun. These synchronicities begged to be interpreted. Surely they must be spelling out a message of divine intent. Had I just completed something? That the November 1984 eclipse, involving what I felt was the completion of this cycle that had begun in 1981, should have fallen conjunct my natal Saturn on the very day of Thanksgiving suggested that some test had indeed been completed, and that I was now free to write about it.

Perhaps the celestial dragon on 30th May had wrested the symbol of wholeness. I had led a celibate life for most of 1983 and for all of 1984. Vesta had warned me on 1st September 1983 when, unbeknownst to me at the time, she had been conjunct my Midheaven. That day I was treated to a performance of *La Vestale*, which had not been performed in this country since the year before I was born. The performance took place at my family's place in Ohio. It was astounding magic! In Spontini's opera, the flame on the altar of the high priestess under Vesta's rule was relit before my eyes. It was a miracle! I was receiving a very literal message of a Saturnian nature and it was perfectly timed. It was, in truth, Divine Revelation. The suspicion that what I had done was necessary for some yet unknown reason, was being confirmed by the most reliable source, the heavens. Lacking a better or another explanation, I attributed the countless coincidences during these years to my work with symbols as they relate to various principles the planets and other heavenly bodies represent.

I had caught a message, but would anyone have been disappointed had I had missed this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity? But then, all choices lead to wisdom: there are no wrong choices. Questions pursued me. How could I explain *La Vestale* and what seemed to be what Pribram and Bohme describe as the implicate, or mystical, order of consciousness? And if this was the implicate order, what exactly had I done to get into this magical land of *oneness*, where everything was coming together? What had I done, specifically, besides being celibate? Where was the key to unlock these mysteries?

Had Vesta and Pallas, conjunct at 9° Scorpio in my birthchart and square my ASC/MC midpoint, arranged this astonishing timing with Juno, conjunct Pluto natively? Had my obedience to some natural law brought this stamp of approval from Vesta along with the discovery of a new layer of meaning? Was this magic merely a reflection of my thoughts and actions and of my attempt to put a mystical meaning and interpretation to everything that I thought and did and have done ever since I can remember?

An inner state had not only coincided with an external event, the opera, but it had also been marked by Vesta's presence at my Midheaven. Had I not been an astrologer this magical situation would have been totally missed.

What will you, the reader, as an astrologer, discover for that period in your own life which falls between the time that the Full Moon conjunct your natal Sun is eclipsed by the transiting Sun, and the time when the transiting Sun conjunct your natal Moon is eclipsed by the Moon?

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(Written 20th-21st January 1985, in the interval between the President's two oaths of office.)

DEJA VU: NEPTUNE'S IN CAPRICORN

--JULIENNE MULLETTE--

A CURIOUS PHENOMENON has emerged over the last few years and is now comfortably entrenched in our midst. The voices of the left have grown quiet, faded away, perhaps gone underground, or to sleep. The chorus of the right has grown larger and louder. The Moral Majority, Jerry Falwell, Amway, Phyllis Schaffly, the Born Again Christians--such voices as these have gained in audience, converts, and power to become our leaders and representatives. A look into astrology presents us with some insight into the startlingly dramatic rightward flow, the lemming-like avalanche into anti-reality.

Neptune entered Capricorn in January 1984, as it has done twelve times previously over the last two thousand years. We may as well combine the wisdom of the historian and the astrologer to help us understand today's events. These Neptunian entrances into Capricorn have coincided with a slightly skewed world, a period when the earth has seemed to wobble drunkenly on its axis, as have its inhabitants. Values at these times tilt slightly off center, sense drifts vaguely off--the world becomes a gigantic Mad Hatter's Tea Party where illusion and fantasy are the order of the day.

So, in the past, during these fourteen-year periods of Neptune in Capricorn, we built the Leaning Tower of Pisa tilting in the wind, we crucified Christ, we drained the treasury in Rome to pay for gladiatorial bouts, and we wrote the *Topographia Christiana* to defend the literal interpretation of the Biblical account of Creation. During the sixth period of Neptune in Capricorn, Michael III, "the drunkard", ruled Byzantium with a shaky hand while China slid into bankruptcy as it persecuted its Buddhist population.

In the seventh period we spread the persecution to the "heretics" in Germany. During the eighth, ritualistic suicide by the sword was first documented in Japan as a way of dealing with the world skew, and the Waldnesians gave up their worldly possessions to lighten their earthly load. Lancelot was our role model in his shining armour. As Neptune entered Capricorn for the ninth time, Floren-

ce's Perruggi Banking House failed, William of Occam tried to separate church and state, and the Holy Roman Empire divorced itself from the Papacy. In 1493-1507, the next period, the Imperial Diet proclaimed Perpetual Peace, and in that spirit slaves were introduced into the New World, and the Spanish Inquisition began with Savaranola's "burning of the vanities"--books, literature, and all which might disturb said peace.

The eleventh period ushered in the Calvinists and *The Day of Doom*, a best seller exhorting us to repent or face the last judgment they vividly portend. Censorship flourished, theatres were closed, and we refrained from the temptations of choral music. On the side there were problems with air pollution, French revenue deficits of twenty-two million francs, the deforestation of England for coal mining, and those of us who celebrated Christmas in Massachusetts were fined five shillings.

By the twelfth period of Neptune in Capricorn, in the 19th century, we chose to escape from it all with the founding of Beefeater Gin, Johnny Walker Scotch, Ligget & Myers Tobacco, Ballantine's Scotch, Teacher's, and Old Crow. Morphine, codeine and cocaine were introduced as the opiates of the people. One third of our people in the U.S. were slaves, Louis Philippe was caricatured as Gargantua gorging himself on the earnings of the working class. *The Hunchback* was performed in the theatre, and we denounced physicians as the anti-Christ. We decided children under thirteen could work no more than nine hours a day in factories and must have two hours a day in school. Seventy-five thousand of us went to prison each year for debt, half of us owing less than \$20.

Now here we are again, preparing for our 1984-1998 Tea Party. We know the script, have chosen our leading actor. For relief and escape we have updated the characters from "The Drunkard" and Johnny Walker's to the Fundamentalists and "The Rapture" of their Armageddon. We have replaced the old Inquisition and the "burning of the Vanities" with the C.I.A., rednecks, and the bombing of clinics. We've kept the burning of the books, or at least we take them off the shelves and ban them. As the treasury once was drained for the gladiators, now we drain it for greater Star Wars and The Bomb.

Quoth the Tea Party's dormouse, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!"

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BOOKS CONSIDERED

Jan Kennedy. *Tales of the Sexy Snake*. 310 pages. San Diego: Cosmoenergetics Publications, 1983. \$9.95.

Although this book has little to do with astrology, it should be of interest to us because like lay psychologists and psychotherapists, for whom this book seems to be intended, we too are interested in the truth that lies behind facades, the real reasons why people react to situations as opposed to why *they* think they do.

Jan Kennedy takes us on a lively, albeit repetitive, jaunt through our conscious and subconscious beings. Her intent is to get us from being "brain-dead", reacting robotically to internal reflex-like signals, to becoming awake and aware, attentive to our inner thoughts and motives, capable of making decisions independent of what we were taught as children. Kennedy encourages this development through a variety of playful examples and techniques. There are many "truths" within this book, yet the reader can easily get bogged down by writing that often becomes convoluted: "When we learn to observe what we 'speak', we discover what others 'listen' to when they are with us. When we learn to observe what we 'listen' to in another, we can discover what it is they are 'speaking' about. For example, people talk to us about things that are conclusions. To know how they arrived at them requires that we 'listen' to what is really being 'spoken' rather than the end result." This is an acute observation, but there surely must be a simpler way to say it.

Overall, *Tales of the Sexy Snake* is entertaining and enlightening.

-- W. R. Gillman

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Liz Greene & Stephen Arroyo. *The Jupiter/Saturn Conference Lectures*, 208 pages. Reno: CRCS Publications, 1984. \$8.95

The truth of the Reality is that we do indeed exist in a highly complex technological era. "No longer can we accept simple things, in a simple way, without processing them through our over-energized computer-mind." Failing to utilize these technological options so readily available to us would be foolish, but the message is clear: "Keep it as simple as possible." The yearning for simplicity with

astrology will bring you back to its roots...directly to our Source.

The essence of the Jupiter/Saturn lecture collection is just that, exploring our roots. With excellent background information in Chapter One introducing the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction of July 1981 behind us, the reader is then taken on an ancient mythological journey by Liz Greene. She walks us through the vast unconscious tunnels of the mind, clearly acknowledging the ancient roots whose wisdom has been recognized for centuries. Her inner-probing urges all readers to confront the "demons" within the Self and, with that recognition, understand our inherent conflicts.

Enough cannot be said about Mr. Arroyo's astrological expertise. In these lectures, he continues his tradition by bringing to light many new (old) techniques through his down-to-earth elemental approach. His utilization of "sub-tones" and the "ancient rulership" guide offers the reader vast new awarenesses in viewing the whole. Arroyo is our New Age astrologer, borrowing from our forgotten past the tools for lighting the way.

This book is easy to devour and not to be missed!

-- Naomi Seedberg Boughton

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Liz Greene. *The Astrology of Fate*. Paper, 370 pages. Maine: Samuel Weiser, Inc. 1984. \$10.95.

Two firsts here: For once a paperback that didn't come apart in my hands (Weiser's do know how to bind a book, which is more than I can say for several publishers whose soft covers split apart the first time I double them back on themselves) and, of at least equal importance, I was at last stimulated to read a book by Ms. Liz all the way through. I was unable to finish either of her two earlier things, *Saturn* and *Relating*, not because I found Ms. Liz's astrology or her writing poor or uninteresting but simply because I don't believe I ever have read an astrology book, other than those written by dear Charles Carter, all the way through. Usually I just skim them as any true Geminian reviewer should. I'll sit up all night to gorge John Le Carre in one sitting but never *The Sabian Symbols*. Each of Ms. Liz's earlier books managed to keep me going about half way before someone or something distracted me,

I just never felt the urge to climb back into them again.

But this is a dangerous book. Its subject is Fate, the single subject which should concern an astrologer more than any other, for that's the name of our game. Yet, come to think of it, this is not really a subject we do discuss very much, even among ourselves. We've come to euphemistically ignore it. After all, as Oliver Cromwell told his Parliament, fate is really too paganish a word. Instead we talk about trends, synchronicity, potential, or whatever today's sophisticated phrase from sun-city is; rarely do we say anything that could be in the least meaningful for a resident of Bhopal or a survivor from Auschwitz. Ms. Liz is one of those irritating Sagittarians who sees an emperor wearing nothing but goose bumps and then proceeds to tell it as it is. We should either burn her books or pay attention to their sense.

Liz Greene relates Pluto to Moira, the three-in-one ancient Great Mother who births, batters and buries us. There is none of the "growing into one's potential" malarkey here. If Pluto adversely aspects Mars, or indeed any other of the inner planets in your birthchart, then you must expect to shaft or be shafted, consciously or otherwise. Greene also relates much else to more that's unmentionable to any decent humanist, and backs up her concepts with excellent case histories (complete with horoscopes, clearly interpreted), just about every tale the old Greek grannies ever told, several of those dreams that Jungian analysts always seem to be told about, and weaves her thread together with scholarship and good writing. This Ms. Clotho has indeed made something rather special, and, at less than three cents a page, it's worth buying. So I've played Lachesis, anyone want to be Atropos?

-- KWG

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Valhiere's Natural Cycles Almanac & Daily Planning Guide
 985. Paper, letter-size, 41 pages. Orleans, Ma.: Astro-
 Graphics Inc., 1984. \$7.95.

This slim booklet contains graphs of planets angular by day and time, a double-page spread covering each month of 1985. The idea is that when a body becomes angular the time is ripe for some type of activity. This is a quick way of checking if now's a good time to schedule a meeting or to make an important phone call. Certainly there's nothing wrong with the theory behind these Mundoscopes and the graphs are clear and easy to use. Explanation tends to be overly-technical which will not be a problem for the

well-versed astrologer (who probably will not use this booklet) but could be so for the layman or novice (who may want to do so). The booklet also contains some generalized financial and investment forecasts--Valliere says interest rates will go up, stocks and other investments down. He doesn't specify when. There's a brief ephemeris of Halley's Comet and a weather prediction calendar based on the Moon. If this booklet is as useful as theory suggests, and as the author says, then I'd really like to have it with me at all times. The difficulty is that its present size will not fit into any of my coat pockets even if I double it up. Therefore I can recommend this Almanac for stay-at-homes, bag-ladies, owners of tote bags, or those people who never venture outdoors without carrying a large manila envelope. If you live in the sun-belt, however, or prefer to wear designer jeans, consider if you really have space on your book shelf for something that could be out-of-date before you remember to refer back to it.

-- KWG

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CONFERENCES

7th - 9th June 1985: I S A R conference at California State University, Carson, California. Extensive list of speakers. Contact: Marquerita dar Boggia, Box 38613, Los Angeles, CA 90038 (213-465-1408)

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23rd - 28th June 1985: "A Practical Introduction to Astrological Research". A five-day Master Class on practical research techniques organized by Cape Cod chapter of NCGR at Hyannis, Mass. Contact: Suzie Rheingold, 88 Estey Ave, Hyannis, MA 02601 (617-771-7108)

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2nd - 8th August 1985: "Through the Looking Glass." A six-day seminar-retreat on Synastry, Sexuality and the Psychodynamics of Relationship with Liz Greene and Richard Idemon at Sugarbush Inn in Vermont's Green Mountains. Contact: Gina Ceaglio, PO Box 22671, San Diego, CA 92122 (619-233-4462)

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ADVANCED RECTIFICATION
OF BIRTH CHARTS
AND PRENATAL EPOCHS

PART TWO

--ALEXANDER MARR--

I HAVE CHOSEN THE CHART OF RONALD REAGAN as my first example to demonstrate an advanced system for the authentication of a birth time. His election to a second term as President was never in doubt, as my analysis of the horoscope of his opponent, Walter Mondale, clearly demonstrated [*1].

There are some problems concerning the true birth time of Ronald Reagan. So far I have seen seven different versions. Each one of these must be rejected, as each is based either on speculative radix interpretation or on doubtful rectification methods, as my testing reveals. The only rectification which impressed me very much was Dr. Margaret Millard's version [*2]. In this case I was impressed more by the shape and character of the resulting birth chart than by the primary directions used; only a limited number of events were covered with admissible and persuasive directions.

My own rectification of Reagan's radix (chart "A", next page), performed in 1980 and published elsewhere [*3], produced a chart that I myself had to question at the time. I therefore decided to give it an acid test using very exact methods that would eliminate conclusively any possibility of error.

[*1] Considerations IV.

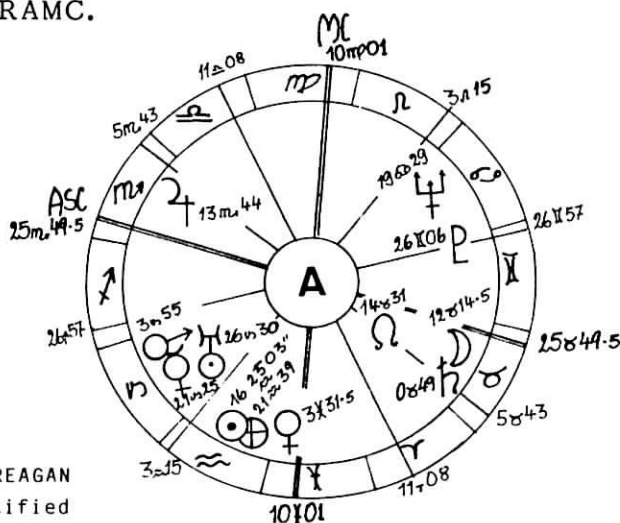
[*2] Considerations III, page 45.

[*3] Prediction I and II.

The first step was to find a prenatal epoch corresponding to this radix. I was greatly aided in this by a method developed in 1982 and since confirmed on over forty charts. This dual-test [*4] is so far the best test available for proving the timing of both birth and conception. This is confirmed by the overwhelming number of cases (46 out of 49) in which the Moon of the independently rectified prenatal epoch has occupied an almost identical ecliptical position as either the Ascendant or Descendant of the rectified radix. In these test cases, both epoch and radix charts had previously been rectified in accordance with strict procedures established over long years of experience, we can assume that coincidence was almost completely eliminated. Additionally, as demonstrated in Mondale's dual-test, almost exact MDO (Meridian distance in oblique ascension) identities between the radix and the epoch are frequently a further astrological and mathematical confirmation of the achieved results.

There are many astrological systems, each based on correct astronomical premises, that allow us to:

1. confirm a birthtime within a certain margin of error, or
2. give rectification results within 1' or 2' of arc in RAMC.



RONALD REAGAN
RADIX rectified

6th Febr. 1911 ; 07h 44m 06s U.T.
89 W 49 ; 41 N 38

The best of these systems, to my mind, is rectification with primary directions in the Topocentric system.

For those astrologers unfamiliar with primary directions, I recommend the first method of rectification. However, as with all true astrological systems, both experience and an objective application of pure planetary symbolism is required.

An approximate verification of a birth time may be performed with the astronomically correct methods of the Universal Transit System, as I have extensively demonstrated in the chapter "Using Common and Prenatal Cycles" in my book *Prediction I*.

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I have selected two events of major importance in President Ronald Reagan's life:

1. election as President on 5th November 1980 (results), and
2. re-election for second term, 7th November 1984 (early morning in UT).

Sidereal Solar Return

00:33:54 UT, 7th February 1980

Mars	SSR	12VI16	trine	Moon	rad	12TA14.5
Venus	SSR	26PI28	trine	Asc	rad	25SC49.5
Uranus	SSR	25SC21	conjunct	Asc	rad	25SC49.5
Saturn	SSR	26VI10	sextile	Asc	rad	25SC49.5

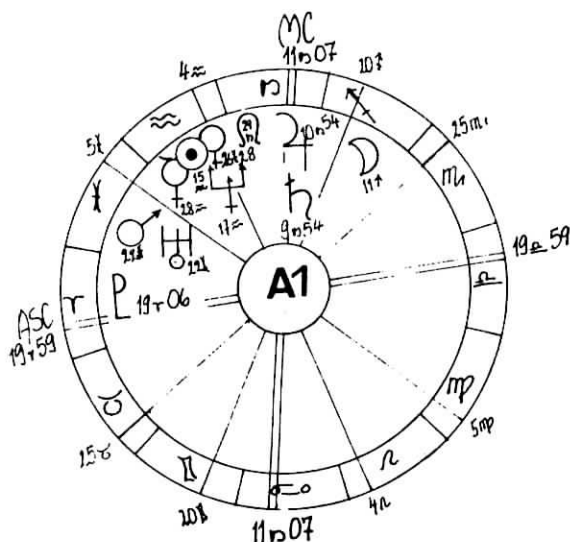
Here the rectified Asc rad is aspected harmoniously by three of the planets from the solar return.

An advantage of this method is that it is independent of the place of residence at the operational date of the SSR. [*5]

[*5] In this article, as in standard siderealist writing, SSR means "sidereal solar return". PSSR, however, means "prenatal (not progressed!) sidereal solar return". This is a form of converse return map.

PRENATAL SIDEREAL SOLAR FOR 1980 = 1842

14:59 UT, 4th February 1842



MC	PSSR	11CP07
Jupiter	PSSR	10CP54
Saturn	PSSR	9CP54
MC	Rad	10VI01

ASC	PSSR	19AR59
Pluto	PSSR	19AR06

Jupiter/Saturn on MC = Victory after a hard struggle,
with Pluto on ASC = *SUCCESS*.

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SIDEREAL SOLAR RETURN FOR 1984
00:57:56 UT; 7th February 1984.

Mars	rad	3CP54'45"
Jupiter	SSR	3CP46'03"

Jupiter, 00:00 hr, 7th February = 3CP45'34"
00:00 hr, 8th February = 3CP57'11"

Difference = +11'37" = daily motion

Mars rad 3CP54'45"

Jupiter 3CP45'34" at 00:00 hr, 7th February

Difference = + 9'11"

9'11" divided by 11'37" and multiplied by 24 (hours)
= 18h 58' 22" ephemeris time

18h 58' 22"
-0h 57' 56" (time of SSR)
= 18h 00' 26"
+ 9h 05' 24" (sidereal time of 1984 SSR)

= 3h 05' 50" = sidereal time for
the date of the event.

This sidereal time corresponds to 03:00 UT on 7th November 1984.

Progressed Jupiter SSR is conjunct Mars rad. exact to the day for the re-election of President Ronald Reagan.

Maximum orb of maturation for progressions and regressions in the Sidereal Solar Return = (plus or minus) four days, approx. [*6]

Jupiter's ecliptical position for 18:58:22 eph. time on 7th February 1984, when computed with the aid of a precise computer program = 3CP54'46", a position that is just 1" of arc different from the above computation.

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PLANETARY CYCLES

Analyses similar to those of Solar Return approach may be extended to other planetary cycles. Although these are not in common use, they represent a very profitable field. The same rules we use for Solar Returns can be applied to the returns of other planets to their natal position. In the following examples I have used them to confirm Reagan's birth time. The planets which produce the most impressive charts are invariably those which either occupy a dominant position in the birth chart, or which relate to a specific event by their very symbolic nature.

[*6] Prediction I, pages 19-28.

Rectified MC for Ronald Reagan = 10VI01

Venus returned to its natal position at $3^{\circ}31'25''$ Pisces at 09:07 UT on 17th March 1984. At that moment transit Jupiter was 10CP09.

Mercury returned to $21^{\circ}24'38''$ Capricorn on 00:22 UT; 3rd February 1984. Transit Venus = 10CP05.

Saturn opposed its natal position from $0^{\circ}48'54''$ Scorpio at 02:09 UT on 3rd September 1983. Transit Sun = 10VI01; transit Moon 13CN46 trine Jupiter rad. 13SC44. The return's ASC at 12TA17 (an approximation as the slow motion of Saturn does not permit exactness) is conjunct Moon rad. 12TA15 and opposite Jupiter rad. 13SC44.

(The radical MC has further support by the trine of Jupiter from 9CP54 at the time when the election results became known: 04:00 UT 7th November 1985.)

The above use of planetary cycles to confirm a rectification, to predict the outcome of events, or to obtain the general prospects for a given time period, is only reliable if the smallest of orbs are allowed.

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Despite the tight calculations and the appropriate planetary symbolism given by the above work, we are only able at this stage to say that we have approximately verified this proposed birthtime. The acid proof that the rectification is correct, within $2'$ of RAMC arc, can only come with primary directions. The events that are now of most value are those that occurred months or years after the date that the original rectification was itself done. My original rectification of Reagan's radix was performed and published in 1980. We must now see if it can stand the test of time by examining what Primary Directions were indicating for Reagan's re-election in November 1984.

The result was known in the early morning (UT) of the 7th November 1984.

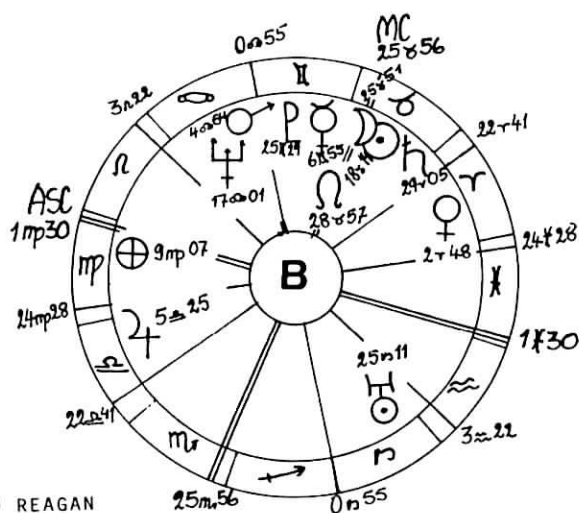
Radix directed to Radix:

Epoch directed to Epoch:

Sun d trine MC, orb $3'$
MC d sextile Uranus, orb $2'.5$

Venus d conjunct Mercury, orb $4'$

I have to emphasize that speculative horoscopes based on a delineation of the chart in accordance with the native's supposed character and destiny are invariably nonsense. To verify or rectify the moment of birth by an interpretation of the many alternative radices is one of the most difficult tasks in astrology. Indeed, the competent interpretation of an accurately timed natal horoscope is itself most complex, far more difficult than most students of astrology seem to appreciate. To confound matters even more, analysis of a great number of prenatal epochs has revealed that this epoch chart is often a better indicator of character and destiny than is the birth chart itself. As an example, the reader is invited to analyze Ronald Reagan's prenatal epoch (Chart "B", below). Here his personality and destiny is, I suggest, much better represented than it is in his radix (Chart A). The most impressive aspect in this epoch, without any doubt, is the Sun-Moon conjunction close to the MC. In the birth chart only the Moon-Jupiter opposition and the harmonious aspects between all factors stand out.



RONALD REAGAN
PRENATAL EPOCH rectified

9th May 1910 ; 18h 26m 58s U.T.
89 W 49 ; 41 N 38

(To be continued, with rules concerning the prenatal epoch, defined from 46 cases of rectified charts, and an investigation into the several doubtful speculative birth times of Winston Churchill.)

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DATA, ETCETERA

4th July 1984

* 05:26 UT; Denver, Colorado: 39N44 104W59

American Airlines 727 jet ran off runway while landing at Denver airport.

Moon setting. All planets contained within the Sun-Jupiter opposition at V-XI house cusps. Mars-Saturn conjunction on 9th cusp. Pluto paran Mercury. MC = UR/NP-90-MO.

* 08:20 UT; Beverly, Massachusetts: 42N33 70W52

Fire (arson) in rooming house for alcoholics, transients and discharged mental patients. 14 killed. Worse loss of life in the state in 42 years.

Neptune opposite Ascendant. Venus paran Moon, Jupiter paran Pluto. All bodies, except setting Jupiter, are below horizon.

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15th September 1984

* 00:20 UT; Caribou, Maine: 46N52 68W01

Joe W. Kittinger, Jr. Colonel US Air Force, retired, takes off in helium balloon, "Rosie O'Grady". This was the first solo transatlantic balloon flight and the longest ever made by a single balloonist: 3,543 miles in 86 hours 40 minutes.

A rising Moon closely opposite Saturn, and Uranus exact quincunx to the Ascendant are not aspects an astrologer would usually allow in an election chart. All planets, other than the Moon, are contained within the Mercury-Jupiter trine. Venus is conjunct Vertex and sextile Mars. Most significantly, Jupiter at 3CP32 and Neptune at 28SG40 each had the same altitude (exact to the minute of arc) at that time and place.

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18th September 1984

* 12:00 UT; Cairo Montenotte, Italy: 44N23 8E16

Landing of balloon "Rosie O'Grady"

Moon has come to the opposition of Neptune. Ascendant opposes the midpoint of the Mars-Uranus conjunction (Kittinger's leg was broken when the balloon crash-landed into a mountain forest).

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15th November 1984

* 14:45 UT; Middleton, New York: 43N13 78W29

Thirty gallons of methyl isocyanate gas spilled at FMC plant. Neighbouring elementary school was evacuated: thirty students and one teacher suffered eye irritation. Compare to Bhopal chart.

Mars-Pluto $86^{\circ}58'$ arc contains all bodies other than Moon. Mercury conjunct Uranus in XIIth. The Neptune-Venus conjunction rises.

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2nd December 1984

* 18:05 UT; Bhopal, India: 22N17 77E28

Initial discovery of the toxic gas leak from underground storage tank at Union Carbide's pesticide plant in central India. At this time workers in the methyl isocyanate structure detected a leak. Their eyes started to water. The leak was reported to a supervisor at 18:15 UT but no investigation occurred until about 19:10 UT.

200,000 people sickened by the gas, 2,000 of them seriously enough to be hospitalized. Over 1,000 people killed, many as they slept, overwhelmed and suffocated by the gas. The streets of Bhopal were littered with the corpses of dogs, cats, water buffalo, cows and birds killed by the methyl isocyanate gas.

Mercury conjunct Neptune. MA/PL = VE/SA. Mars paran Pluto at Bhopal in the 22nd November Solar Eclipse map.

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6th December 1984

* 23:15 UT; Jacksonville, Florida: 30N20 81W39

Twin-engine passenger plane crashed shortly after take-off. All 13 people on board killed.

Moon conjunct Node opposite Saturn. Mercury-Neptune conjunction opposite Ascendant. Sun conjunct Uranus squares MC.

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20th December 1984

* 04:30 UT; Huntington, Utah: 39N20 110W58

Fire broke out in mile-deep coal mine when a bearing in a conveyor belt overheated about 5,000 feet into the mine and ventilation fans quickly filled the shaft with smoke. All rescue attempts to save 27 trapped miners failed. The mine entrance had to be blocked up to contain the fire.

Mars opposite Ascendant squares the Moon-Saturn conjunction in the IVth house. All planets contained within the $112^{\circ}02'$ Mars-Pluto arc in the northwest of the chart. MA/PL = SU/NP.

* 18:45 UT; Akron, Ohio: 41N05 81W31

Explosion and fire ripped apart a tower at a power plant fueled by recycled garbage. 2 killed, 6 badly burnt.

Pluto opposite Ascendant. Jupiter conjunct MC. All bodies above the horizon contained by the explosive Mars-Pluto $112^{\circ}28'$ arc.

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25th December 1984

* 08:30 UT; Pensacola, Florida: 30N25 87W13

Separate explosions simultaneously ripped apart three offices where abortions were performed. The facilities were destroyed. No injuries.

Pluto rises. Moon at IC. Mars-Pluto containing arc is now $115^{\circ}51'$. Saturn paran Mars ($5'$ orb). Sun-Neptune conjunction at the anti-Vertex.

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1st January 1985

* 22:57 UT; Asuncion, Bolivia: 11S52 67W53

Sunset take-off of Eastern Airlines Flight 980, bound for La Paz (ETA 24:48 UT), which crashed in fog at an altitude of 19,600 feet on the side of the 21,000 feet Illimani Mountain just outside La Paz. 29 killed. No survivors.

Sun opposite Ascendant (17' orb). Uranus paran the close Mars-Vortex conjunction. Saturn at Moon's North Node. Only the Moon (opposite Pluto) not in the west of the take-off chart.

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11th January 1985

* 13:00 UT; Waldheide, Germany: 49N08 9E14

The solid fuel motor of an unarmed Pershing 2 missile caught fire and burned after being dropped from a crane at US army base in southern Germany. 3 soldiers killed, 7 injured. Incident prompted a storm of anti-nuclear marches throughout Germany and those other European countries in which Pershing missiles have recently been installed.

Uranus opposition Ascendant squares the Moon-Mars opposition, which contains all the bodies. Pluto conjunct Vertex. Mercury conjunct Neptune. Saturn paran Mars (4' orb).

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21st January 1985

* 09:00 UT; Reno, Nevada: 39N31 119W48

Take-off of chartered Lockheed Electra airliner returning to Minneapolis after weekend gambling junket, which crashed and burned within minutes of being airborne. 65 died, 3 survived.

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25th January 1985

* 03:00 UT; Cubatao, Brazil: 26S53 46W26.

A cloud of toxic ammonia gas escaped from a fertilizer plant in this town in southeastern Brazil, causing the evacuation of 5,000 people. 30 hospitalized with vision and breathing problems. Pluto rises square Sun. Moon-Venus-Mars conjunction (paran Neptune) semisquares Sun. Mars-Pluto $138^{\circ}43'$ arc contains all others.

* * * RONALD C. DAVISON * * *

(14th January 1914 - 21st January 1985)

The President Emeritus of London's Astrological Lodge had chaired the lecture of Roy Alexander, and had then given his own lecture at the Monday evening Lodge meeting.

Ron was experiencing his Jupiter return.

In 1959 he followed Charles Carter (who had himself followed Alan Leo, the founder) as Editor of *Astrology*, a position he filled with quiet skill for a quarter of a century. His book on the Progressed Horoscope is the classic in our field, and it was RCD who originated the Relationship Chart, an aid to understanding the problems and future of any coupling that is so superior to the now popular Composite chart. His best book, however, was probably his Introduction to Astrology in the Teach Yourself series, it possessed an incomparable clarity of thought and expression, demonstrating just how able Ron had been in combining his Jupiter-Neptune qualities with those given him by Mercury-Mars.

He was born with Uranus at the Ascendant.

Mr. Davison chaired the meeting of the Astrological Lodge when I stood up to give my initial lecture, two decades ago. He published the first astrological article I ever wrote. He was a wonderful friend, a shy astrological giant, who always had the time to help young students, and the patience to listen to their awkward ideas. Over the years I have been fortunate to meet some of the greatest masters of our craft, none could outshine the XIIth house Sun of Ronald C. Davison.

The world of Astrology owes him a great deal. We will miss his twinkly eyes, his ruddy-cheeked face, his "Astrology on a Desert Island" lectures, the insightful articles, and his encyclopaedic knowledge of musicians and of all aspects of Astrology. He was a friend all will miss.

(Data: MC 6SG, AS 6AQ, SU 19CP18, MO 25GE59, ME 10CP08, VE 11CP30, MA 12CN48R, JU 27CP21, SA 12GE10R, UR 6AQ33, NP 27CN03, PL 29GE42R, NO 17PI54.)

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A TECHNICAL NOTE

CONSIDERATIONS follows standard astrological and astronomical conventions as much as possible. Degrees of the Zodiac (ecliptic) are indicated either by the ° and ' symbols meaning degrees and minutes (and occasionally by " meaning seconds) or else by a sign symbol inserted between the degree and minutes parts. Thus 265°16' of Longitude is the same as 25°16' of Sagittarius or 25♐16.

Time is stated in hours and minutes (and sometimes seconds) separated by colons. Thus 2:07:48 means 2 hours, 7 minutes and 48 seconds. Civil time is usually stated as UT (Universal Time) or ET (Ephemeris Time) since this saves the reader from uncertainty about precisely what clock rules are being followed. UT may be converted to Eastern Standard Time (EST) by subtracting five hours. ET is approximately equivalent to UT. A good explanation of the difference between UT and ET is found in the appendix "How to Cast a Natal Horoscope" by Robert Hand and Joshua Brackett, in The American Ephemeris 1931 to 1980.

Hours are given in the 24-hour dial to avoid errors with "a.m." and "p.m."; 17:00, not 5:00 p.m.

Decimal points always separate whole numbers from decimal parts. Colons are used to separate whole numbers from sixtieths. Thus 2:07.8 means 2 hours, 7 minutes and eight-tenths of a minute, which is equivalent to 2:07:48.

When the decimal point is used together with degree, arc minute and arc second symbols, the decimal point follows the symbol of the last whole unit. Thus 23.41 degrees can be written 23°.41 or 23°24'.6 or 23°24'36".

Local sidereal time (ST) is expressed in hours. The right ascension of the local meridian (RAMC) is expressed in angular measure. The former is equal to the latter divided by 15. ST 7:51 is the same as RAMC 117°45'.

Zodiacal positions may be assumed to be tropical unless it is stated otherwise. Sidereal horoscopes usually require that an ayanamsha be specified.

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Considerations

